

East Lothian Council

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I require the list to include buildings closed and disposed plus buildings that are re-let following service closures. If there is a scenario where the building is closed but still under council ownership then please include that in the list.

I'm only interested however in the buildings in which you provided a service that you were forced to close due to Government cuts to your budget making it no longer financially viable for you to keep such buildings open.

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Additional information from applicant:

My request for this information hasn't changed, but as a result of requests of clarification from other UK councils I have 'fine tuned' this request in order to be as helpful as possible:

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The primary reason I require this information is to get a picture of the effect of any Government cuts to council budgets which in turn is forcing councils to find ways to make savings. If you can't be sure of the reason for closure then kindly provide the information anyway and indicate what is known about the reason for closure (if known).

East Lothian Council (ELC) has no properties which fall into this category. Where ELC has closed or disposed of properties, it has been part of rationalisation rather than loss of service.