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Dear [Name Redacted]

Freedom of Information – Request for Information

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

Details of Your Request

Please can you let me know the answers to the following question.

1. *How many housing inspections do you carry out per year?*

By housing inspections, we mean any inspections of council, housing association and private sector housing where you either visit the house for the purposes of inspecting the house for its state, suitability for accommodation, for regulatory or statutory purposes, for compliance to regulations (health and safety) etc. These are inspections of the housing asset itself, you should not include visits where the purpose is to meet the residents or landlords only. You should include:

- a. Where inspections are carried out by council staff*
- b. Where you commission inspections by 3rd party organisations (either suppliers to do inspections or as a requirement of a housing authority etc)*

Clarification question:

The departments of Housing and Asset management require further information in order to identify and locate the information you have asked for as the request in its current form appears to be broad and open to interpretation with the terminology used. In particular, it would be useful to know what is specifically meant by the term 'state' of the house when requesting information regarding inspecting the house for its state.

Clarification Response:

By state, I simply mean condition. I know the councils must do inspections of houses to make sure they are fit for use by the council and tenants and meet the various regulations and acts etc.

Others have asked me to clarify the year (period). I am happy to receive data for 1 year only either calendar or financial and preferably the latest set (ideally 17/18 or 2017).

The response to your request as follows:

70 inspections under HHSRS for year 16/17

All undertaken by Tamworth Borough Council

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Yours Sincerely

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