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Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information dated 15 August 2019 about community asset transfers.

We have dealt with this under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are as follows:

### **The authority's Community Asset Transfer (CAT) policy**

#### **1. Does the authority have a published Community Asset Transfer\* policy?**

**\*Community Asset Transfer enables local authorities to transfer the ownership/management of their assets to community organisations at less than full market value in order to achieve a defined public benefit.**

No, we do not have a published community asset transfer policy.

- a. If yes, please provide a web-link to the policy.**
- b. If no, is Community Asset Transfer (CAT) integrated into another policy within your local authority – such as wider asset management strategies or VCSE (voluntary, community and social enterprise) policies? Please provide a web-link to this, if so.**

The Council does not have a CAT policy integrated into another policy.

The Council's policy to support the voluntary sector is currently under review and has not been finalised.

- c. If no, does the authority have a CAT policy that is not-published / only available on request? Please provide a copy if available, if so.**

No, we do not have a CAT policy that is not-published or only available on request.

#### **2. If the authority has a CAT policy (whether integrated into another strategy or a non-published policy), when was this last updated or reviewed?**

Please see the responses above.

## **The volume of Community Asset Transfer over the last five years**

**3. How many land or building assets has the authority transferred to community ownership\* through Community Asset Transfer in the following time periods (financial years): 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, and 2018/19?**

**\* For the purpose of this question, please provide the number of assets that have been transferred using the General Disposal Consent (England) 2003 (Local Government Act 1972), which enables the transfer of assets at less than best or nil consideration to achieve a defined community benefit.**

The number of assets that have been transferred are:

**2014/15:** None

**2015/16:** None

**2016/17:** None

**2017/18:** One

**2018/19:** None

**4. Of those assets that have been transferred, how many are on:**

The numbers are:

**a) A freehold agreement:** None

**b) A long lease of at least 25 years or more:** None

**c) A lease of between 5 years and 25 years:** One

**d) A lease of less than 5 years:** None

**Please provide this information for the same time periods as Q3 if possible.**

**5. Currently, how many land or building assets does the authority own in total? Please exclude social housing assets from this total.**

Details of the Councils property assets are publically available on the attached link:

<https://opendata.camden.gov.uk/Your-Council/Local-Authority-Land/cjhw-6339>

**6. How many of the authority's land and building assets are currently identified as potential assets available for CAT? Please state if you do not review assets available for CAT in this way.**

The Council does not review assets in this way.

### **Further Information:**

Why not check our Portal [Open Data Camden](#) before making a new request as your question may already be answered by a previous [FOI response](#) or in one of our many useful and interesting datasets.

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