

Basement Developments: Owners Survey

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Introduction

The Council has carried out a multi-strand survey in which some 10,000 residents of the Borough were written to on the subject of basement development. One element of this survey was a request for information from any occupier of a property which had benefitted from a planning permission for a basement in the last three years to the beginning of 2012.

The survey was concise, merely asking when the basement was completed, how long the development took to complete, and where possible for a photograph of the how the property looks now the basement has been completed.

Results

Approximately 520 paper questionnaires were distributed. An online questionnaire was also available. A total of 45 completed questionnaires were received. This equates to a response rate of approximately 9%. However, only 9 of these questionnaires included an image of the completed development, or just 2%. This element was the principal purpose of this survey.

Of those completed surveys received, 35 related to basements that had been completed. A third of these (12) were completed in less than 6 months, 43% (15) between 6 months and a year to complete and 22% (8) took more than a year to complete.

This is not considered to be a response rate which allows the Council to draw any useful conclusions.

For more information

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