

East Lothian Council

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I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to request the following information:

- ***The number of empty homes in your local authority area.***

1,006 empty properties in East Lothian.

- ***The postcode locations of empty homes in your local authority area.***

EH21	251
EH22	2
EH31	30
EH32	162
EH33	114
EH34	17
EH35	19
EH36	6
EH39	109
EH40	20
EH41	156
EH42	117
TD13	2
EH37	1

- ***The number of second homes in your local authority area.***

There are 526 second homes in East Lothian.

- ***The postcode locations of second homes in your local authority area.***

EH21	40
EH31	88
EH32	29
EH33	3
EH34	3
EH35	4
EH36	2
EH39	249
EH40	10
EH41	32
EH42	68
TD13	2

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- ***What plans you, as a local authority, have to deal with empty and second homes.***

East Lothian Council currently works collaboratively with Shelter Scotland to provide an advice service for owners of empty properties within the area. This advice is given to enable owners to bring their property back into a habitable order or back into use as a home. The Council also has powers under Environmental Health to intervene with dilapidated empty properties that are causing a hazard to the public.

Second home owners are exempt from a discount and the monies raised are re-used within the area to provide affordable housing.