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Dear G K Chee

Thank you for your information request, received by the Council on 28 February 2013, in which you ask for information concerning building consents related to monolithic clad properties. I have been asked to provide you with a response.

Specifically, you asked the following:

***“As per the Official Information Act, can you please let me have a list of some addresses where Harditex or other monolithic clad houses that have had a building consent for targeted repairs approved”***

I have spoken with the Council’s Building Consent Team regarding your request, and have to advise that your request is refused under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, Section 17(f) in that the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

The reason this decision has been reached is that the information you are seeking is not held in a format that can be readily retrieved.

When building consent applications are submitted to the Council, they are required to state what materials are going to be used but, as in the cases you are seeking information on, not the materials being replaced.

Also, the term ‘Targeted Repairs’ is not used when building consent applications are logged, so cannot be used to target a search of the system.

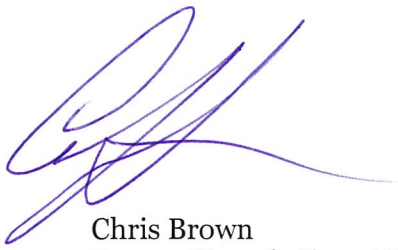
Effectively, you are asking the Council to look search every building consent on file, one at a time, until we come across one or more examples that fit with the parameters of your request. This would be a very costly exercise in terms of staff time.

If you disagree with the decision above, you can apply in writing to the Ombudsman to have the decision investigated and reviewed under section 27 (3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely





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