

24 October 2025

Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI 954

Your request for information received on 07 October 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

I have been researching and documenting the locations at which Orlit dwellings (houses, flats, cottages) were erected in Northern Ireland between 1946 and 1956 and I have identified over 160 location using a variety of sources, including the British Newspaper Archive.

I would be grateful if the Northern Ireland Housing Executive would provide a list of the locations of Orlit properties currently owned by NIHE, specifying whether the property is a house, a flat, or a cottage/bungalow.

I would also be grateful to know if NIHE has documentation/files that detail the location and number of Orlit properties that came into the ownership of NIHE when the body took over responsibility for the public housing stock in 1971. I would also be interested to know if the historic files contain drawings/photographs of the appearance of the different styles of properties.

Our response

I would be grateful if the Northern Ireland Housing Executive would provide a list of the locations of Orlit properties currently owned by NIHE, specifying whether the property is a house, a flat, or a cottage/bungalow.

The list below sets out the locations of Orlit properties in the Housing Executive's stock. Due to Data Protection guidelines we are unable to provide individual property addresses.

Ulster Cottages, Lisburn

Ballygomartin Road, Belfast
Highburn Crescent, Highburn Gardens and Highfern Gardens, Highfield estate, Belfast
Ballymurphy Drive, Divismore Park, Glenalina Road and Springfield Road, Ballymurphy estate, Belfast
New Barnsley Drive/Gardens/Parade/Park, New Barnsley estate, Belfast
Chichester Park Central/East/West and Moat Road, Harryville estate, Ballymena
Windsor Parade, Whitehead
Firfields, Antrim
Moorlough Road, Artigarvan
The Crescent and Urney Road, Clady
Plumbridge Road, Newtownstewart
Coronation Park, Sion Mills
Killymaddy Terrace, Dungannon
Minterburn Road and Woodview Cottages, Clady
Gortnagola Road, Dungannon
Lakeside Gardens, Dungannon
Mullaghboy Crescent, Magherafelt
Creenagh Road, Loughgall
Dobbin Road, Portadown
Dromara Road, Banbridge
Drone Hill Road, Banbridge
Archdale Drive, Ballinamallard
Leathem Crescent, Enniskillen
Burfits Hill and Scallen Road, Irvinestown
Boa Island Road, Kesh
Killynoogan Terrace, Kesh
Main Street, Lack
Gola Road and Keady Road, Lisnaskea
Drumady Road and Drumcru Road, Newtownbutler
Omagh Road, Garvagh
Fox Park, Drumnakilly
Craigavon Park and Mitchelbourne Terrace, Fintona
Festival Park, Omagh
Buchanan Villas, Omagh
McKinley Bungalows, Omagh

Enclosed is a document containing extracts regarding Orlit properties from a 2005 report by the Housing Executive on its non-traditional stock.

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After carrying out reasonable searches, we can confirm that we do not hold information within the scope of your request.

This concludes our response.