

The Crown Estate Disclosure Log

Case no: 1174

Date received: 17 February 2020

Subject: Assets in Lambeth

Request response

Thank you for your request for information. You asked for a list of building, land and heritage assets disposed by The Crown Estate in Lambeth Borough from 1 January 2010 to date.

There is just one property formerly owned by The Crown Estate which falls within the scope of your request, which is the building 57 Stamford Street, London SE1 9NQ, which was sold to Dorrington London Flats Ltd on 29 May 2015.

There were two other disposals of properties which were formerly subject to escheat. Where a property becomes ownerless, for example where a limited liability company has been dissolved, any assets owned by it at the date of its dissolution pass initially to the Treasury Solicitor's office as ownerless property known as *bona vacantia*. It is open to the Treasury Solicitor to disclaim such property, and any freehold property disclaimed may then become subject to a legal process known as escheat. Whilst a property that is deemed subject to escheat to the Crown falls to be dealt with by The Crown Estate, such property is effectively ownerless.

By convention The Crown Estate is able to sell such property interest as the Crown may have, in order to return the interest to private ownership. The Crown Estate has limited remit to deal with the Property and so any sale is not a conventional property sale transaction but nevertheless I have included those within the date scope of your request below.

57 Chaucer Road, London SE24 0NY – completed 9 July 2013 3 Broadlands Avenue, London SW16 1NA – completed 23 October 2019

Details of the sales are held at the Land Registry, so the detailed information you have requested has been withheld under s21 of the Act in that it is available to you by other means, that is from the Land Registry.

You can find out if a property is registered, find the owner and how far its general boundaries extend by ordering an official copy of the register. There is a fee – for example a copy of the title register for a property is currently £3. https://www.gov.uk/search-property-information-land-registry

You can get copies of title deeds from the Land Registry for any given property. There is a fee and currently each deed document costs £7. https://www.gov.uk/get-information-about-property-and-land/copies-of-deeds

If you are not satisfied with my response, you may complain or appeal our decision, which will be investigated through an Internal Review. If you are not content with the

outcome of the Internal Review, you have the right to refer your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted our own complaints procedure.