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**Request:**

I am writing to request information on the grounds of the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

I would like to know more about planning regulations surrounding leisure centers and gyms.

Please write your answer in the provided spaces below.

Promoting Leisure Centres on the High Street
<p>According to the most recent data available, what is the number of high streets (primary business spaces) in your local authority?</p> <p>Answer: 5</p>
<p>According to the most recent data available, what is a) the number and b) the proportion of disused stores on each of the high streets in your local authority?</p> <p>Answer: Wallsend: number of disused stores = 14 Proportion of disused stores = 14.89%</p> <p>North Shields: number of disused stores = 15 Proportion of disused stores = 13.04 %</p> <p>Whitley Bay: number of disused stores = 19 Proportion of disused stores = 13.38%</p> <p>Tynemouth: number of disused stores = 2 Proportion of disused stores = 6.9%</p> <p>Killingworth: number of disused stores = 1 Proportion of disused stores = 3.4%</p>
<p>How many A1 and A2 facilities (shops, financial and professional services) have a) opened and b) closed over the last 12 months?</p> <p>Answer: A1 and A2 facilities a) opened = 63 (opened within the year and still open)  A1 and A2 facilities b) closed = 39 (closed within the year and still closed)</p>

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How many operators of leisure or gym facilities have applied for change of use from the A1 or A2 classification to the D2 classification over the past 12 months on each of the high streets within your local authority?

Answer: 0

How many operators of leisure or gym facilities have unsuccessfully applied for change of use from the A1 or A2 classification to the D2 classification over the past 12 months on each of the high streets within your local authority?

Answer: Not applicable

Of all applications for change of use from the A1 or A2 classification to the D2 classification, how many have been successful over the past 12 months?

Answer: Not applicable