



**Derry City & Strabane**  
District Council  
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**Chathair Dhoire &**  
**Cheantar an tSratha Báin**  
**Derry Cittie & Stràbane**  
Destrìck Council

Ref: EIR / 2238

13 December 2019

Mr

Email: request-538232-f84425d6@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr

### **Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Request Planning Recommendations Over turned**

Derry City and Strabane District Council acknowledges your request as above made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Council, in reviewing the above, consider it appropriate that your request is dealt with under The Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and not under the Freedom of Information Act. These Regulations deal with right of access to environmental information held by UK public authorities and Planning application information falls into this category.

#### **Request**

Can you please advise how many times a Planning Officer looked at a recommendation made by a colleague and recommended that it be changed (overturned)?

#### **Response:**

I refer to your question below and would advise that on receipt, planning applications are assigned to individual Planning Officers to progress if they are delegated cases. The Planning Officers make recommendations only and decisions are made at a departmental Planning Group Meeting where applications are discussed in detail with the Senior Planning Officers whose opinion is considered and a final decision made. Some applications also progress to the Planning Committee where the decision is made by the Planning Committee Members

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If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie  
Chief Executive  
Derry City and Strabane District Council  
98 Strand Road  
Derry BT48 7NN  
Tel 028 71253253 or email [john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com](mailto:john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com)

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF  
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

I would advise however, the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

**Business Services Officer**  
Planning Department