

Ref: EIR / 6282

01st April 2026

Environmental Information Regulations Request - Urgent Works Notices

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

I wish to enquire about the use of Urgent Works Notices (UWN) on listed buildings in Councils across Northern Ireland and Conservation Areas. Under the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 district councils have statutory powers to take action where a historic building has deteriorated to the extent that its preservation may be at risk. Councils also have powers to "locally list" structures and to designate Conservation Areas. I am aware of the financial and resourcing pressures that Councils face on numerous fronts. I would be grateful if the below questions could be answered.

- 1. Could the Council provide statistics on the number of listed structures where a UWN has been issued in the Council Area since 2015.**

Council has not issued any UWNs since 2015.

- 2. Could the Council provide statistics on the number of UWNs issued within a Conservation Area on a non-listed asset.**

Council has not issued any UWNs since 2015.

- 3. Could the Council provide statistics on the number of warning letters sent to listed building owners as a prelude to issuing a UWN since 2015. Noted in guidance provided by HED in 2017 - [hed-urgent-works-notices.pdf](#) p4.**

Council does not hold this information.

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- 4. Could the Council provide information as to how many Building Preservation Notices (BPN) have been issued since 2015. [hed-building-preservation-notice.pdf](#).**

Council has not issued any BPNs since 2015.

- 5. Could the Council provide statistics on the number of structures that have been "locally listed" [hed-historic-buildings-of-local-importance-designation-guidance.pdf](#) p5.**

No structures have been locally listed by Council.

- 6. Has the Council ever designated a Conservation Area, since gaining powers in 2015, under the Planning Act (Northern Ireland), 2011, section 104.**

No Conservation Areas have been designated since 2015.

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
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Tel: 028 71253253 or email: john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

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

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

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

Yours sincerely

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