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Ref: EIR / 6452

02nd July 2026

**Environmental Information Regulations Request - Retrospective Planning Applications**

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

**Request**

1. Can the council tell us how many retrospective planning applications it has issued approval for over the past five years?

2. Can the council tell us how many of these were residential/domestic and how many were commercial?

3. Can the council also tell us how many times the Planning Committee has overturned a refusal issued by council planners over the past five years?

4. Can the council tell us how many times the Planning Committee has overturned a refusal issued by council planners for a retrospective planning application over the past five years?

**Response**

In respect of the information you have requested under above points, I can confirm that Council does hold the information you have requested. This information is also publicly available on the Northern Ireland Planning Register. The register can be accessed at the following link:

https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/simple-search

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Therefore, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, Council considers as the information is already publicly it will not be providing the information you have requested.

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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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 re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely