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Ref: EIR / 6566

18th August 2026

Environmental Information Regulations Request - Residential Swimming Pool Planning Applications

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

Request

I would like to request information relating to planning applications for residential swimming pools within your local authority area.
For each of the following calendar years:

- 2021
- 2022
- 2023
- 2024
- 2025
- 2026 (year to date)

Please provide:

1. The total number of planning applications submitted for residential swimming pools.
2. The total number of applications approved/granted.
3. The total number of applications refused/rejected.
4. The total number of applications withdrawn (if recorded).

For the purposes of this request, please include applications relating to private residential swimming pools, including but not limited to applications where the description contains terms such as:

- "swimming pool"
- "outdoor swimming pool"

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- "indoor swimming pool"
- "pool"
- "plunge pool"
- "lap pool"
- "swim spa"
- "pool enclosure"

and any other similar residential swimming pool developments associated with private dwellings.

Response

I refer to your request seeking information in relation to the number of planning applications submitted for residential swimming pools, approved/granted, refused/rejected or withdrawn from 2021 until now within Derry City and Strabane District Council area.

I can advise that during the period you have referred to Derry City and Strabane District Council have processed one application for a residential swimming pool under reference LA11/2023/2089/F which can be viewed on the NI Planning Portal at the attached link.

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

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

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

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

Andree McNee
Principal Planning Officer