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01st July 2026

Environmental Information Regulations Request - Planning Applications 2024 - 2026

I refer to your email dated 12 June 2026 requesting information under the Freedom of Information regulations. As your information request relates to environmental information it has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, as below.

Request

For each financial year from 2024/25 to 2025/26 (or the most recent two years available), please provide:

1. The total number of planning applications submitted for residential home extensions.

2. The total number of planning applications for residential home extensions that were approved.

3. The total number of planning applications for residential home extensions that were refused.

4. Where available, a breakdown of applications and refusals by extension type, including:

    - Rear extensions
    - Side extensions
    - Front extensions
    - Two-storey extensions

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- Loft conversions
- Conservatories
- Other residential extensions

5. Where available, the five most common reasons cited for refusal of residential extension applications during the period.

Please provide the information in Excel or CSV format where possible.

Response

In respect of the information, you have requested under points 1 to 5 of your letter, Council does hold this information but not in Excel or CSV format as you have requested. The information is already publicly available on the Northern Ireland Planning Register. The register can be accessed at the following link:

Northern Ireland Public Register

Under Advanced Search, you can narrow your search based on the parameters relating to date, council area, application type, decision type.

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

In respect of point 4 Council does not hold information on applications and refusals by extension type.

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
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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