

Ref: EIR / 5981

29th September 2025

Environmental Information Regulations Request - Planning Application Statistics

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

Request

- 1) On Dec 31st of each of the calendar years, 2022, 2023 and 2024, how many planning applications were outstanding in your council?
- 2) Could you please break those annual figures down into residential, residential developments and commercial applications?
- 3) On Dec 31st on each of the calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024, how long was the average wait for individual residential units to obtain planning permission?
- 4) As of Sept 1st, 2025, how long is the average wait for individual residential units to obtain planning permission?

Response

In respect of queries 1, 2 and 3 Council does hold this information, and in accordance with regulation 6 of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, the information is also already available to the public on the Department for Infrastructure website at the following link:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/planning-activity-statistics>

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Regarding question 4, Council does not hold this information at the moment as the data is not yet available in statistical format.

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

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Principal Planning Officer