

Derry City & Strabane

District Council

Comhairle **Chathair Dhoire &** Cheantar an tSratha Báin

Derry Cittie & Stràbane Destrick Cooncil

Ref: EIR / 953

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Dear Ms

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Request - New Build Houses per year for the last 5 years Eglinton.

I refer to your request for information regarding the above and confirm that Derry City and Strabane District Council does hold the requested information. However, it is not in recorded format and would entail a manual search of each and every building control file for the district you have outlined. Council deem this request would be covered by exception 12(4)(b) of the Environmental Information Regulations a below:

"Regulation 12(4)(b)

dealing with a request would create unreasonable costs or an unreasonable diversion of resources;"

Please note we consider this exception to be concerned with the nature of the request and the impact of dealing with it and not any adverse effect that might arise from disclosure of the content of the information requested. The public interest in maintaining this exception lies in protecting Council from exposure to disproportionate burden and disruption in handling this information request which to comply with would thereby place a strain on resources and get in the way of Council delivering mainstream services.

Alternatively, Regulation 9(1) states "A public authority shall provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to applicants and prospective applicants" and in this regard we suggest you could contact the Department for Infrastructure Land and Property Services who may hold the requested information in a usable format. Contact details are:

Information Manager
 4th Floor Lanyon Plaza
 7 Lanyon Place
 Town Parks
 Belfast BT1 3LP

Tel: 028 9033 6077 email: Informationmanager@lpsni.gov.uk

As you are probably aware an Energy Performance Certificate is required for properties when constructed, sold or let, therefore, another source that may assist with your request is the Department for Communities and Local Government Energy Performance Certificate Register which can be accessed at EPC register.

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

Yours sincerely

Head of Capital Development and Building Control