

Ref: FOI / 5950

12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - HMO Licencing Applications and Refusals**

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

**I would like to obtain the following for the period 01/12/2022 – 12/08/25:**

### **1. The number of HMO Licence renewal applications for the Derry City and Strabane District Council area.**

In the period 01 December 2022 to 12 August 2025 a total of 52 HMO licences were renewed

### **2. The number of new HMO Licence applications for the Derry City and Strabane District Council area.**

In the period 01 December 2022 to 12 August 2025 a total of 81 new HMO licences were granted. To assist you I would point out that in accordance with [section 28](#) of the Houses in Multiple Occupation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 if an existing licensed HMO is sold/transferred and the proposed new owner applies for an HMO licence before the sale/transfer is completed any licence subsequently granted is a new licence and is included in the total of 81 new licences.

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### **3. The number of licences refused during the period and the grounds for refusal.**

In the period 01 December 2022 to 12 August 2025 a total of 13 HMO licence applications were refused (note in the case of the notice of application the Council ceases to consider the application).

Licence application fee not paid  
2 x Breach of Planning Control  
5 x Notice of Application (advert in the paper)  
2 x Application not received from the owner  
1 x Supporting documentation not submitted.

Please note that if this information is to be published it should be attributed to being Derry City & Strabane District Council's response to a freedom of information request.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 reconsider its decision.

Yours sincerely

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