



Ref: FOI / 5950

12th September 2025

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - HMO Licensing 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

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: caserowk@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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