

Ref: FOI / 5991

12th September 2025

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Allotment Waiting Lists and Availability

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

I would like to request the following information regarding allotments in your council area:

Please be advised that Derry City & Strabane District Council directly manages one allotment site which is St. Columb's Park Allotments.

1. How many people are currently on the waiting list for an allotment?

There are currently 119 people on the waiting list.

2. What is the average waiting time (in months/years) to be allocated an allotment?

Based on the most recent 10 allocations, the average waiting time is 8 years and 3 months.

3. How many allotment plots are currently available?

There are no plots currently available on the site directly managed by the Council.

4. How many allotment plots does the council manage in total?

The Council directly manages 40 allotment plots.

5. Does the council have plans to create additional allotment plots in the next 12 months?

The Council has no plans to create additional council-managed allotment plots in the next 12 months.

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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@derrystرابane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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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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