

Ref: EIR / 6065

18th November 2025

Environmental Information Regulations Request - Annual Demolition Permits Issued

I refer to your email dated 21st October 2025 requesting information under the Freedom of Information regulations. As your information request relates to environmental information it has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, as below.

Request: The number of demolition permits issued by your council for each of the past five calendar years, September 2021 and September 2025.

For the purposes of clarification, please note that in Northern Ireland Council Planning Departments do not issue demolition permits. The Planning Department receives and processes a range of applications where demolition is part of the proposed development. The demolition of a building is generally classed as permitted development, however permission to demolish a building is required in the case of listed buildings, unlisted buildings in conservation areas and areas of townscape or village character.

Response: Council does hold this information but not in the format of a spreadsheet or database as you have requested. The information is already publicly available on the planning register and can be accessed using the advanced search option at the link below:

<https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/simple-search>

When carrying out the search for applications using the advanced search function, under application type select Conservation Area Consent, Listed Building Consent and Full. Each application returned from your search will include the location of the development and the date of approval.

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The documents associated with the application will set out the reason for demolition and is likely to include details such as whether the property is derelict, vacant or structurally unsound.

Therefore, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, Council considers as the information is already publicly available in an alternative accessible format it will not be providing the information in the format you have requested.

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
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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