



**Derry City & Strabane**  
District Council

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Ref: EIR / 897

11 November 2016

Mr  
Open Data Team  
Department of Finance

Email @finance-ni.gov.uk

Dear Mr

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Request DoF Open Data Planning Applications**

I refer to your Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) request and would advise that Derry City and Strabane District Council are refusing the request as below:

Regulation 6 of the EIR states:

**Form and format of information**

6(1) Where an applicant requests that the information be made available in a particular form or format, a public authority shall make it so available, unless-

(a) it is reasonable for it to make the information available in another form or format;

6(2) If the information is not made available in the form or format requested, the public authority shall-

(a) explain the reason for its decision as soon as possible and no later than 20 working days after the date of receipt of the request for the information;

(b) provide the explanation in writing if the applicant so requests; and

(c) inform the applicant of the provisions of regulation 11 (internal review) and of the enforcement and appeal provisions of the Act applied by regulation 18"

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The reason for applying this exception is that the information is already available in another accessible format in the public arena at

<https://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/tools/public-access-info.htm>

Under Regulation 9(1) of the EIR we are obliged to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect us to do so, and we therefore provide the link above to the NI Planning Portal where the requested information is already published.

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)

Yours sincerely

**Head of Planning**