

From: [Foi Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-17-1768 - New Home Approvals
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Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 21 November 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Could I request the following information under freedom of information legislation:

How many new home approvals have been for self build, within the local authority, for the tax years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018?

This information can be found on our public access site.

<https://publicaccess.aberdeencity.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

Go to the public access this can be found, via Aberdeen City Councils web site > under Planning and Building > click the link of View planning Applications.

Planning Simple search > Choose Advance search > Then this is where you can narrow down the search > Development Type > "Housing Local"

"Dates" > choose the date you wish to research (you may wish to break this into smaller chunks as you will have to look at each description looking for applications matching your criteria).

Once it brings back the applications that match their criteria then you will need to look at each applications description and select the ones that match your criteria.

As **How many new home approvals have been for self build, within the local authority, for the tax years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018** is otherwise accessible on our website at the link above and by following the instructions provided, it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 13 of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Regulation 6(1)(b) - Information Already Publicly Available - of the EIRs.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster
Information Compliance Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you

have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

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