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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-17-1769 - Housing 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.

• **What percentage of housing approvals have been for self-build homes, within the local authority, for the tax years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018?**

This information is not held by ACC as there is no physical way of recording this type of information in our system. For example, if someone was an applicant for a new dwelling, ACC would not have a record of whether that person actually built it themselves or if they hired an architect/builder.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **the percentage of housing approvals which have been for self-built homes, within the local authority, for the tax years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018** as it is not held by the Council. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(a) - Information Not Held - of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it. ACC is required by Regulation 10(1)(b) of the EIRs to inform you as to why in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining this exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information to you. ACC is satisfied that it does not hold this information and considers that, as there is no information held, the public interest lies with the exception.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Buchan
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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