

**From:** Foi Enquiries  
**Sent:** 05 July 2019 15:25  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EIR-19-0797 - Planning Applications  
**Attachments:** V3 - Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 10 June 2019. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

**The number of planning applications received in each of the last five years (2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19).**

Please note that this information is available by searching on the relevant criteria (application type and date validated range) using the advanced search of public access on Aberdeen City Council's website at:

<https://publicaccess.aberdeencity.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=advanced>

As the number of planning applications received is otherwise accessible on ACC's website, via the link 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.

**The number of planning applications in each of those years, excluding major developments, which were took longer than eight weeks for a determination to be made.**

Please note that this information is available by searching on the relevant criteria (application type, development type, date validated range and decision date range) using the advanced search of public access on Aberdeen City Council's website at:

<https://publicaccess.aberdeencity.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=advanced>

As the number of planning applications which took longer than eight weeks for a determination is otherwise accessible on ACC's website, via the link 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.

**The number of staff employed in the planning department in each of those years.**

Please note that the number of staff employed in the planning department for 2014/15, 2015/16 & 2016/17 is available through ACC's Disclosure Log on our website at: [https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2018-01/FOI\\_17\\_1582\\_NumberofPlanningOfficers\\_Redacted.pdf](https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2018-01/FOI_17_1582_NumberofPlanningOfficers_Redacted.pdf)

2017/18 - 53 staff

2018/19 - 48 staff

As the number of staff employed in the planning department for 2014/15, 2015/16 & 2016/17 is otherwise accessible on ACC's website, via the link 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.

**The current number of planning applications being considered by your authority which have been awaiting determination for more than eight weeks (as per June 10, 2019).**

Please note that this information is available by searching on the relevant criteria (application type, development type, date

validated range and decision date range) using the advanced search of public access on Aberdeen City Council's website at: <https://publicaccess.aberdeencity.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=advanced>

As the current number of planning applications being considered is otherwise accessible on ACC's website, via the link 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.

## 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.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,



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