

Response to Request for Information

Reference EIR 000293
Date 10 June 2019

Planning Applications

Request:

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please supply the following information.

- The number of planning applications received in each of the last five years (2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19).
We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following link:

<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications-and-decisions>

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

- 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.
[As per point one.](#)
- The number of staff employed in the planning department in each of those years.
[Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above requested information.](#)

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act"), that states:

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

- 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).
As per point one.