



## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Planning***

#### **Request:**

- 1) The number of planning applications that were: a) received b) approved c) rejected d) withdrawn e) appealed successfully f) appealed unsuccessfully for each of the following financial years: 2014-15 (up to availability at point of answering), 2013-14, 2012-13. For each category (a-f), please also specify how many applications were for major developments.

\* The planning department does not keep full records of withdrawn applications. For the rest of the information please see [www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/planningapplications](http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/planningapplications)

- 2) How many schemes were recommended for approval by the planners and the refused by the committee members? Please answer for each of the following financial years: 2014-15 (up to availability at point of answering), 2013-14, 2012-13.

This information is available at <http://wolverhampton.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=152> Information available through the minutes of the meetings and previous agendas.

- 3) Since April 2012, how many consented schemes were never built or had to reapply for planning?

\* The planning department does not record whether schemes have been built.

- 4) The average length of time to process planning applications that were a) approved b) rejected c) appealed successfully for each of the following financial years: 2014-15 (up to availability at point of answering), 2013-14, 2012-13. For each category (a-c), please also specify in how many cases did the application run over the specified target determination date.

\* This information is not readily available.

- 5) Please name the application that took the longest to be determined in 2014 or

2015. Please also state its outcome (e.g. approved or rejected) and how long this application took from lodging to determination.

\* This information is not readily available.

- 6) Please name the single application that has received the most objections (since April 2012). Please also state its total number of objections.

\* The planning department does not keep all objections once an application has been determined.

- 7) The total number of objections to planning applications for each of the following financial years: 2014-15 (up to availability at point of answering), 2013-14, 2012-13.

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**Response:**

\* In response to your request I can confirm that the Council holds information that falls within the description specified in your request, however we estimate that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and for the Council this is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in determining whether the Council hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information from each planning application to determine information. Consequently the Council is not obliged under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to respond to your request.

If you narrow the scope of your request the Council may be able to provide the information free of charge because it would cost less than the appropriate limit to do so. Any reformulated request I receive will be treated as a fresh FOI request.