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Request:

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

1. The number of planning applications received in each of the last five years (2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19).
2. 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.
3. The number of staff employed in the planning department in each of those years.
4. 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).

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 10 June 2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to planning applications.

Q1 & 2. These are in the public domain and can be found at <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/planning-activity-statistics>

Q3.

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Total	44	53	56	53

Q4. 131 planning applications being considered by this authority which have been awaiting determination for more than eight weeks (as per June 10, 2019).

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/083/1920 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.