



FOI Reference Number: FOI/163/1920

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Request:

Q1. How many objections did you receive from residents relating to planning permission applications on the following grounds in your local authority in the following timeframes:

Reason for objection	2018	2019
Loss of light or overshadowing		
Overlooking/loss of privacy		
Visual amenity (but not loss of private view)		
Adequacy of parking/loading/turning		
Highway safety		
Traffic generation		
Noise and disturbance resulting from use		
Hazardous materials		
Smells		
Loss of trees		
Effect on listed building and conservation area		
Layout and density of building		
Design, appearance and materials		
Landscaping		
Road access		

Local, strategic, regional and national planning policies		
Government circulars, orders and statutory instruments		
Disabled persons' access		
Compensation and awards of costs against the Council at public enquiries		
Proposals in the Development Plan		
Previous planning decisions (including appeal decisions)		
Nature conservation		
Archaeology		
Solar panels		
Other		

Q2. Please state the types of developments residents objected to by the following categories:

	2016/17	2018/19	2018/19
Building of new housing			
Extensions of existing houses			
Building of commercial premises			
Building of wind turbines			
Creation of landfill sites and waste industries			
Building of hotels			
Building of Power Plants			
Building of Hospitals			
Building of Car parks			
Building / extensions of Train/tram lines			

Building / extensions of Airports and runways			
Building of Nightlife venues (e.g. Clubs/bars)			
Other planning permission complaint			

Q3. Of these complaints, please state how many led to the following actions being carried out:

	2017	2018	2019
Demolition			
Revision of planning application			
Certificate of lawfulness			
Negotiated remedial works/ enforcement notice			
Development stop notice			
Fines/compensation			
No action			

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 29 July 2019.

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

Whilst Mid and East Antrim Borough Council do hold some of the requested information, it is not held in a manner that allows for the electronic extraction of the data. The specific information which you have requested is held in a manner which would require a manual interrogation of over 3000 applications.

The cost of the search would exceed the £450 prescribed limit for local government, therefore Council is not required to provide the information requested as per Section 12 Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Under Section 12 of the Act, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit as previously mentioned.

Please note, all applications can be viewed at the following hyperlink <http://epicpublic.planningni.gov.uk/publicaccess/>

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/163/1920 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.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

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