

FOI Reference Number: FOI/520/1819

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Request:

I would like to register a Freedom of Information request with the relevant department regarding planning applications for “Build to Rent” properties and schemes.

The request refers to planning applications both “Under Review” and “Approved” where the property is intended to be used as a Build to Rent Development or Complex [1].

[1] Build to Rent: A distinct subset of the Private Rental Sector, by where properties are granted approval under a restrictive covenants permitting their usage solely as a rental property.

If you could provide the below details, within a single clear Excel Spreadsheet I would be grateful.

Full Planning Reference Number

Full Address

Number of Stories

Applicant Name

Proposal Description

Affordable Housing Allocation (Both in percentage of total residential dwellings and quantity of dwellings)

Commercial Land Usage (Total square footage of proposals’ commercial space)

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance. Should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request, my details are outlined below.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 11/02/2019.

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

Please note that planning applications do not hold information on whether the properties are for renting or are for sale on the open market, therefore we cannot provide the information requested.

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/520/1819 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.