



Reference: FOI0606

**Request:**

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, may I make the following request:

- 1) During the period 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018 how many applications were made to your planning department for NEW building developments. (This should exclude extensions or alterations to existing properties).
- 2) Of these applications for new developments, how many had 4 or more objections lodged from members of the public?
- 3) Where 4 or more objections were lodged, how many of these applications were granted?

**Response:**

Planning applications are held for processing in the Idox Uniform system used by the Council. A record is created for every application and different suffixes are used to denote the type of application by outline, full, householder, reserved matters, advertisement, Listed Building Consent and prior approval, among other types. Applications are also coded by development type which includes main use proposed and any change of use among other types. There is however no specific code or other identifying field which denotes whether an application is for or includes an element of new build or not and as such it is not possible to extract information in response to Q.1.

In addition, whilst representations made in response to planning applications are also recorded on the Uniform system, information as to the number associated with each application is not currently extracted.

Although the requested information is collected during the application process which is explained above, extracting it would involve manually examining over 750 records which would take in excess of 18 hours and therefore is exempt information under the FOI Act.

Information on applications determined during 2018 is however available to view on line on the Council's web site (via public access):  
<https://idoxpublicaccess.northtyneside.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Although, in response to General Data Protection Regulations, representations submitted other than via public access, are removed from public view once a decision has been made, the case officer's report in each case provides a summary of the representations received including totals of those objecting and those in support of proposals.

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