

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I write to request information regarding the council's expenditure on planning appeals relating to residential-led developments.

Please provide the following information for each of the financial years (a) 2022/23, (b) 2023/24, and (c) 2024/25:

1. The total number of appeals lodged against decisions relating to residential-led planning applications, and the total number of residential units involved in these appeals.
2. The number of appeals that resulted in planning permission being granted, and the total number of residential units approved as a result of such appeals.
3. The total amount of money spent by the council on legal advice, representation, and any other costs incurred in defending planning appeals.
4. The total amount paid by the council to appellants in respect of costs awarded against the authority in planning appeal cases.
5. Of the total expenditure identified in (3), please specify how much related to appeals that were subsequently allowed (i.e. where permission was granted on appeal).
6. The number of appeals that were made against an officer recommendation for approval.