

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

**You asked:**

- 1. In total how many planning applications were received by Leicester City Council in financial year 2010-2011?**

1609

- 2. How many planning applications were approved in financial year 2010-2011?**

1413

- 3. Out of the total planning applications made for building in financial year 2010-2011 how many were on designated Greenbelt land?**

There is no Greenbelt land in the City of Leicester.

- 4. Out of the total planning applications for building on designated Greenbelt land how many were approved in financial year 2010-2011?**

N/A

- 5. In total how many planning applications were received for building on;**

- a) Low flood risk zones in financial year 2010-2011?**

Flood Zone 1 - 1391

- b) Moderate flood risk zones in financial year 2010-2011?**

Flood Zone 2 - 95

- c) Significant flood risk zones in financial year 2010-2011?**

Flood Zone 3 – 123

- 6. Out of the total planning application for building on flood zones how many were approved on;**

- a) Low flood risk zones in financial year 2010-2011?**

Flood Zone 1 - 1223

- b) Moderate flood risk zones in financial year 2010-2011?**

Flood Zone 2 - 85

### **c) Significant flood risk zones in financial year 2010-2011?**

#### Flood Zone 3 - 105

Please note, with regards to questions 5 & 6, we don't hold the exact data that is requested – please see comments below.

- 1) Firstly, the request refers to low, moderate and significant flood risk zones, whereas we are obliged to use the Environment Agency's "Flood Map" for planning decisions and consultations. This contains Flood Zone 1, 2 & 3. We have therefore taken Flood Zone 3 to be "significant", Flood Zone 2 to be "moderate" and Flood Zone 1 to be "low".
- 2) We don't record directly applications which were received and determined in flood zones, so we have arrived at the figures in answers 5 & 6 by calculating which application sites are located within the Flood Zones. The Environment Agency update the "Flood Map" quarterly and request us to delete old copies of the data. It is possible therefore that some of the applications which were considered and determined weren't in the flood zone at that time, but are now, and so show up in the figures above.
- 3) The request relates to "applications for building", which isn't an exact definition. The data includes minor alterations which may not increase the footprint of the buildings – for example new shopfronts or first floor extensions etc. The figures also include applications for "outline" consent. There is no easy way of separating this from more substantial work which would lead to a decrease in flood plain capacity.
- 4) Finally, the applications determined may not be the applications which were received – they may be applications which were already in the system from before the start of the financial year.

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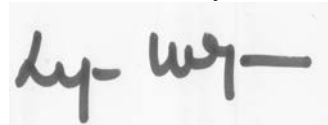
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

**Lynn Wyeth**

**Information Governance Manager**