

## **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. How many planning applications have been granted since 1 January 2007, which resulted in the development of land on the metropolitan green belt? How many applications are pending?**

**Please provide a breakdown of these applications in an excel spreadsheet with the following information:**

- date application submitted
- date application granted
- application number
- the area, in hectares, of the site (and how much falls inside the green belt, if only part)
- the location of the site, preferably using latitude and longitude (although other formats such as eastings/northings or a postcode would also be acceptable)
- planned use of the site (commercial, housing, etc)

**ANSWER**

[In relation to question 1, Leicester City Council does not have any green belt.](#)

**2. How many planning applications have been granted since 1 January 2007, which resulted in the development of any greenfield site? How many are pending?**

**Please provide a breakdown of these applications in an excel spreadsheet with the following information (as above):**

- date application submitted
- date application granted
- application number
- the area, in hectares, of the site (and how much falls inside the green belt, if only part)
- the location of the site, preferably using latitude and longitude (although other formats such as eastings/northings or a postcode would also be acceptable)
- planned use of the site (commercial, housing, etc)

[See below.](#)

**3. How many planning applications have been granted since 1 January 2007, which resulted in the development of any brownfield site? How many are pending?**

**Please provide a breakdown of these applications in an excel spreadsheet with the following information (as above):**

- date application submitted**
- date application granted**
- application**
- the area, in hectares, of the site (and how much falls inside the green belt, if only part)**
- the location of the site, preferably using latitude and longitude (although other formats such as eastings/northings or a postcode would also be acceptable)**
- planned use of the site (commercial, residential, etc)**

On questions 2 & 3, we do not record development on green or brown field land, except for residential development, and have no way of providing the information requested without checking each record in our database and cross referencing that to building control starts, or checking on site to see if development has taken place.

Since 1st January 2007 our records show over 500 planning approvals for, or in relation to dwellings. Each one of these files would need to be examined and possibly site visits made, to be able to answer the questions.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for Local Authorities is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

We estimate that it will take us in excess of 2.5 working days to determine appropriate material and locate, retrieve and extract the information in reference to your request. Therefore, your request will not be processed further.

Please see the three attachments which detail green field and brownfield housing completions for the financial years indicated.

The link below shows housing permissions and how far they have been delivered.

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/ep/planning/plansandguidance/plansandpolicy/housing-land/> .

The list of change of use/conversions will all be brownfield.

Details of planning applications can be checked on-line, by application number or address, at

<http://rcweb.leicester.gov.uk/planning/onlinequery/mainsearch.aspx>.

Post codes and description of the proposed development (the planned use) are included in the database.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

**Information Governance Manager**  
**Information and Support**  
**Leicester City Council**  
**FREEPOST (LE985/33)**  
**New Walk Centre**  
**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**  
e-mail: [FOIA@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:FOIA@leicester.gov.uk)

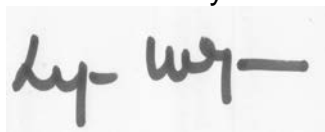
Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

**Information Commissioner's Office**  
**Wycliffe House**  
**Water Lane**  
**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**  
**Telephone: 01625 545 700**  
[www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider appeals or complaints until the internal appeals and complaints processes of the public authority which is answering the request have been exhausted. You are therefore advised to complain or appeal to the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely



**Lynn Wyeth**  
**Information Governance Manager**

