

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

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

### Relevant Information

As you may know, the Environment Agency have applied for an exemption from designating flood risk areas under the Regulations as they consider that their Flood Zones already provide sufficient detail of areas at risk of flooding from rivers and the sea.

Lead Local Flood Authorities were required to recommend surface water flood risk areas to EA and DEFRA for designation, based on the "Indicative Flood Risk Areas" (IFRA) published by DEFRA. The IFRA in Leicester covered the principal urban area - the built up area of the City and our Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment recommended that it be confirmed with a minor amendment to the boundary to include the area of the junction of the M1/M69 as there is some critical infrastructure in the area. . Our Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment is available on our website here: <http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/ep/the-environment/flood-risk-management/flood-risk-studies/preliminary-flood-risk-assessment/>

The EA agreed with the City's recommendation so the whole of Leicester City Council's administrative boundary is located in an indicative flood risk area for surface water. Therefore, please find details below of the information you requested, based on applications received in the whole of Leicester

Your letter refers to "developments", but does not define it, so we have taken the common meaning under planning acts and included:

- Full applications for planning permission
- Outline applications for planning permission
- Reserved matters applications
- Changes of use between different Use Classes

Please note that the applications which were approved in each financial year may not be the same applications as were submitted - some applications may be carried over from one year to another.

### **You asked:**

**1) How many planning applications has your authority received for developments in areas identified by the Environment Agency as Flood Risk Areas (under ss13 and 14 of the 2009 Flood Risk Regulations) in each of the financial years 2007-8, 2008-9, 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-2 (up to the date of this request)?**

### **ANSWER**

2007-2008	1817
2008-2009	1431
2009-2010	1391
2010-2011	1440
2011-2012	1282

2) How many of these applications were successful in each of the financial years?

2007-2008	1396
2008-2009	1245
2009-2010	1146
2010-2011	1228
2011-2012	1130

3) How many are still pending, under appeal or “called in”?

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4) Please give as much detail as possible about each application made to your authority in the financial years 2010-11 and 2011-12, including the identity of the applicant, the nature of the development, the number of houses and other buildings, the location, if possible the level of the flood risk, and the outcome of the application.

This information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain. The full details of all applications received can be found on our website: [www.leicester.gov.uk/planningdatabase](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/planningdatabase) . As the whole of the City is a flood risk area, all applications are relevant. Please use the “application type” option to query only “development” applications and “date received” to achieve a break-down by financial year.

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**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**  
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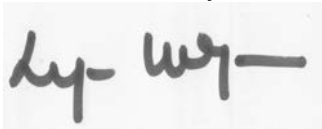
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Yours sincerely

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

**Lynn Wyeth**

**Information Governance Manager**