

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:

I should be grateful if you could assist me in some research I am undertaking regarding Officer recommendations for planning approval and the subsequent planning history.

I would be obliged if you could respond to my query under the Freedom of Information Act/EIR regarding applications for planning permission in your Authority for the period 1.1.06. to the present day.

Please provide the following information:

- The percentage of Officer recommendations for planning permission turned down by Members.**
- The percentage of Officer recommended refused planning permissions that went to appeal.**
- The percentage of such Officer recommended refusals that were granted permission upon appeal.**
- Of those Officer recommended applications that went to appeal, the percentage that were granted permission:**
 - 1. On written representations**
 - 2. Via informal hearing**
 - 3. Via formal planning inquiry**
- Of those applications granted planning permission upon appeal, the percentage that resulted in the Council having to pay the appellant's costs.**

If you are unwilling/unable to calculate the percentages, please just provide the numerical data.

Please reply electronically to alicethornton82@hotmail.co.uk

Any additional information you are able to supply would be greatly appreciated

In order to avoid any confusion and abortive effort, I should like to further clarify some of my bullet points as follows:

- 1. 1st bullet point: "The percentage of Officer recommendations in favour of planning permission that were then turned down by Members.**
- 2. 2nd bullet point: "The percentage of Officer recommendations in favour of planning permission and turned down by Members that then went to appeal. I.e. the percentage of 1. above that went to appeal.**
- 3. 3rd bullet point: "The percentage of 2 above that were granted planning permission upon appeal as an overall total and then broken by:**
 - 1. Written representations**
 - 2. Via informal hearing.**
 - 3. Via formal planning enquiry. .**

If you are unwilling to calculate the percentages, please supply the numerical data.

ANSWER

The information requested is as follows:

There have been 783 committee decisions since the start of 2006.

(1) Number recommended for approval and refused by members = 29 (3.7%)

(2) Of these, 20 (69.0%) went to appeal.

(3) Of these, 13 (65.0%) were allowed. Broken down by:

- Written reps = 8
- Hearing = 2
- Inquiry = 3

(4) Council paid costs in 4 cases (30.8% of the 13).

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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: info.requests@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

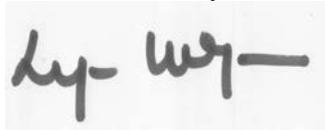
Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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

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

Lynn Wyeth

Information Governance Manager