

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. Please provide the number of business/commercial planning applications received in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 so far:

2010 2011 2012 (to date)

Total Applications

2. Please provide the number of business/commercial planning applications approved in 2010, 2011 and 2012 so far:

2010 2011 2012 (to date)

Total Applications Approved

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Please see the attached spread sheet. There are three tabs, one for each year. On each page, the top table contains decisions, the bottom table applications received.

The Offices / R&D / Light Industry categories include classes A2 and B1 in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended); that is, banks, building societies and estate agents; general offices (not providing service direct to visiting public) and those for research and non-polluting industrial processes.

The General Industry / Storage / Warehousing categories include classes B2 and B8 in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended); and wholesale distribution, that is, other industrial and storage.

The Retail categories include Classes A1 and A3, A4, A5 in the Town and Country Planning Use Classes Order 1987 (as amended); that is, A1 - internet cafes, post offices, ticket or travel agencies, A3 - restaurants and cafes, A4 - public houses and A5 - hot food takeaways.

The 'All other' categories will include non-residential uses in other use classes such as D1 and D2, plus uses outside the defined use classes.

Large scale major means 200+ residential units or 10000 sq m floor space for uses.

**3. Please detail the number of applications you received by type of business in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 so far:
By type of business, I mean the sector or classification of business e.g. retail, entertainment, wholesale etc.**

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.

Our web planning database www.leicester.gov.uk/planningdatabase can be used to search for particular uses and use classes within the 'Proposal' field.'

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**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

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700**

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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