

## REQUEST:

I am looking to source information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The questions I hope you will be able to answer are as follows:

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

## ANSWER

Our IT systems do not currently differentiate between business/commercial and/or other types of applications received. However, the total number of applications the Council received was as follows:-

- 2010 (January to December) – 2169
- 2011 (January to December) – 2623, and
- 2012 (January to present) – 1242

The Council's Public Access system does allow you to search for applications:-

<http://idox.tendringdc.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

If you would like the Council to undertake a manual search on your behalf of each application to ascertain its business/commercial type, then I would anticipate that a fee would be incurred in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Data Protection (appropriate limit and fees) Regulations 2004. Please let me know if you would like the Council to pursue this on your behalf and I will be able to provide you with an estimate of costs.