

Environmental Information Regulations Request No. 6306

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Request/Response

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/2020	2020/21	2021/22
How many planning applications did the council decide?	1352	1319	1203	993	966	288
How many homes did these applications contain?	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
How many of those applications, representing how many homes, were approved?	No of homes not recorded 97 apps coded 'dwellings' approved	No of homes not recorded 103 apps coded 'dwellings' approved	No of homes not recorded 97 apps coded 'dwellings' approved	No of homes not recorded 81 apps coded 'dwellings' approved	No of homes not recorded 86 apps coded 'dwellings' approved	No of homes not recorded 19 apps coded 'dwellings' approved
How many applications, representing how many homes, were rejected?	No of homes not recorded 68 apps coded 'dwellings' refused	No of homes not recorded 69 apps coded 'dwellings' refused	No of homes not recorded 61 apps coded 'dwellings' refused	No of homes not recorded 56 apps coded 'dwellings' refused	No of homes not recorded 35 apps coded 'dwellings' refused	No of homes not recorded 16 apps coded 'dwellings' refused
Of the rejections, how many were appealed by the applicant?	25	28	26	43	13	2
Of those appeals, how many were successful? How many unsuccessful?	3	7	7	12	4	0
How many unsuccessful?	22	21	19	31	9	2
And how many have yet to be decided?						21
How much did these appeals cost the council? If possible, please break down into the council's own legal cost, the applicant's legal costs which the council was ordered to cover, etc.	See below*					

In addition to and separately from the costs covered in Q5, how much does the council estimate it needs to set aside/has set aside to cover the cost of appeals that have not yet been heard?						Heading 1 Text type (modern.gov.co.uk)
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*We do not hold detailed data on actual costs as we are a shared service and we pay a fixed annual management fee to Wealden plus an excess on external legal counsel costs which we do not analyse further.

Assuming an average 30% time spent by Legal officers on RDC Planning issues and between 30% and 100% external legal counsel excess on Planning we could come up with a very broad estimate on Planning related Legal costs.

If 100% of that was for Planning appeals, the cost would be as follows:

	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
Estimated Planning appeal legal costs	£114k-£220k	£86k-£125k	£88k - £112k	£95k-£134k	£83k-£95k