

Ref: EIR / 2240

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Ms

Email: @hotmail.co.uk

Dear Ms

### **Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Request Housing and Disability**

Thank you for your email received on the 3rd December. Some of your queries fall into the category for registration under the Environmental Information regulations and other queries have been categorised as operational business. Council responds to your queries in order as follows:

- 1. I would like to enquire about data gathered for housing and have noted there is no mention of bungalows.**
  - a. I would like to enquire why this has not been included**
  - b. I have been viewing your reports for this year and note there are no bungalows being built also why is this?**

#### **Response:**

The Planning Department of Derry City and Strabane District Council assess applications as submitted from applicants. Some applications may have single storey dwellings as part of a larger housing development. However, the majority of housing applications are for 2-storey dwellings. There are currently no planning policies which specifically state that bungalows should be built and the Local Development Plan Team do not hold any records of what types of houses are being built.

However, the NI Housing Executive is the primary organisation responsible for gathering and publishing housing data across NI and should you wish you can contact them at:

#### **Derry**

C/o Council Offices  
98 Strand Road  
Derry  
BT48 7NN

#### **Strabane**

C/o Council Offices  
47 Derry Road  
Strabane  
BT82 8DY

+44 (0) 2871 253 253  
info@derrystrabane.com  
www.derrystrabane.com

f Derry City & Strabane District Council  
@dcsdcouncil

Northern Ireland Housing Executive  
The Access to Information Manager  
The Housing Centre  
Northern Ireland Housing Executive  
2 Adelaide Street  
Belfast BT2 8PB  
Telephone 02890240588 e-mail: [records@nihe.gov.uk](mailto:records@nihe.gov.uk)

- 2. Disabled parking in this town is also problematic. Disability parking is on slopes and in car parks. People who are in need of these parking spaces have low or very poor mobility to avail of the blue badge scheme and i know personally how strict the governing body is who issue them.**
- a. Can you please identify what spaces for disabled parking are on flat and not within a multi-storey car park as i also have upper body weakness and coordination deficits.**

**Response:**

In response to your queries above, part answered under the Environmental Information Regulations, I can advise that off-road public car parks transferred from the then Department of the Environment to local councils in 2015 following the Review of Public Administration. These are the only off-road disabled spaces for which Council are responsible for and details of these can be found at <http://www.derrystrabane.com/carparks> Unfortunately we do not hold information in respect of the slope of these bays and spaces.

I can also advise that disabled parking facilities are provided at a number of Council facilities. The information as to the locations and nature of these bays is not held centrally. Should you wish to be informed of these parking bays (location and quantity) Council asks that you allow us time to gather this information from all the facility managers.

Council has no information in relation to the numbers of spaces available at shopping centres or non-council facilities. The City Centre Initiative may hold further information regarding disabled parking bays and they can be contacted at:

City Centre Initiative  
1-3 Waterloo Place  
Derry Londonderry  
BT48 6BT  
Phone: (028) 7136 0169 <http://www.cciderry-londonderry.com/contact.html>

On-road car parking comes under the responsibility of the Department for Infrastructure who will be able to provide the answers to your query. They can be contacted at:

Department for Infrastructure (Roads)  
Departmental Coordination Unit  
Clarence Court  
10-18 Adelaide Street  
Belfast BT2 8GB  
Email: [Roads.Parking@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:Roads.Parking@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk)  
Telephone: 028 9054 0540  
Email: [dcu@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:dcu@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk)

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie  
Chief Executive  
Derry City and Strabane District Council  
98 Strand Road  
Derry BT48 7NN  
Tel 028 71253253 or email [john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com](mailto:john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com)

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF  
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

I would advise however, the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

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