

Request

I am writing to you to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This request applies specifically to Class A premises, which includes shops and retail premises such as restaurants.

1) Please state the number of applications to open new A category outlets in the following years by type:

	2021 (Jan – Dec)	2022 (Jan – Dec)	2023 (Jan – Dec)
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A1 - Shops

A2 – Financial and professional services

A3 - Restaurants and cafes

A4 - Drinking establishments

A5 - hot food takeaways

2) Please state how many applications for new category A outlets were approved in the following years by type:

	2021 (Jan – Dec)	2022 (Jan – Dec)	2023 (Jan – Dec)
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A1 - Shops

A2 – Financial and professional services

A3 - Restaurants and cafes

A4 - Drinking establishments

A5 - hot food takeaways

3) For 2023, please state how many applications were received for change of use from one class to another by type. E.g., if you received 10 applications from A1 properties, looking to change to A2, please detail below.

	Convert to: A1	A2	A3	A4	A5
Convert from: A1- Shops	X				
A2 – Financial & professional services		X			
A3 - Restaurants and cafes			X		
A4 - Drinking establishments				X	
A5 - hot food takeaways					X

4) How much do you currently charge for a change of use application?

Response

Q1-Q3) This information is available to view on the Council's website by using the following link:

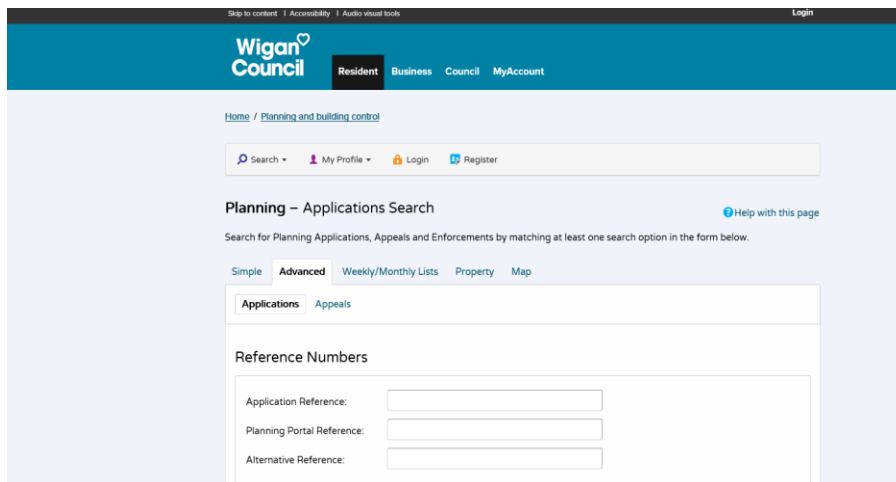
<https://planning.wigan.gov.uk/online-applications/> (search instructions below)

Q4) £578 Fees are set nationally <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/fees-for-planning-applications>

Quick Advanced Search

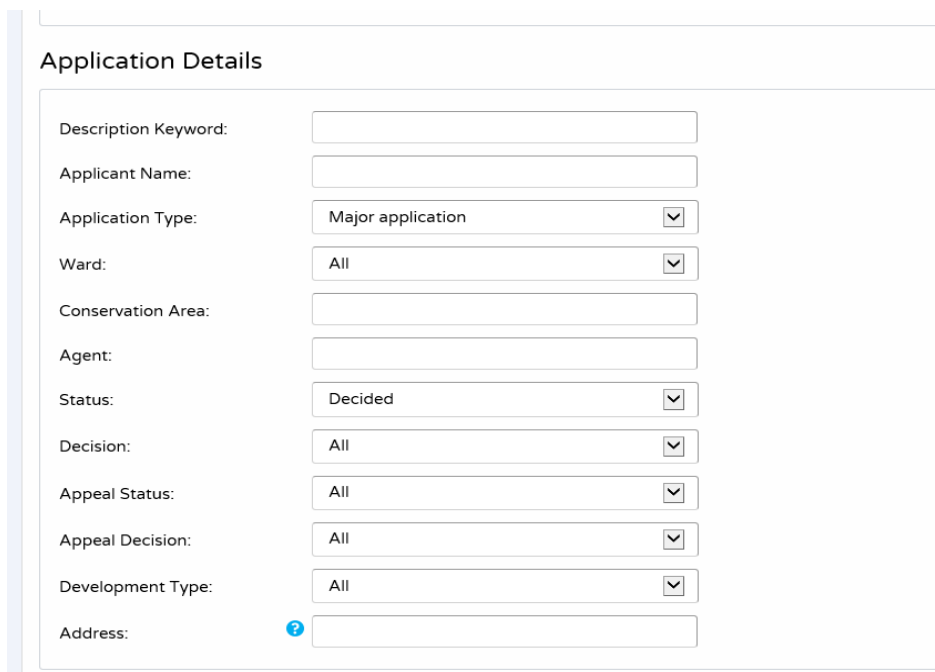
Click on the following link <https://planning.wigan.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Select Advanced, Applications



The screenshot shows the Wigan Council website's 'Planning - Applications Search' page. The header includes the Wigan Council logo and navigation links for Resident, Business, Council, and MyAccount. Below the header, there is a search bar and a 'Login' button. The main content area is titled 'Planning - Applications Search' and includes a 'Help with this page' link. A search instruction states: 'Search for Planning Applications, Appeals and Enforcements by matching at least one search option in the form below.' There are tabs for 'Simple', 'Advanced', 'Weekly/Monthly Lists', 'Property', and 'Map'. The 'Advanced' tab is selected, and there are sub-tabs for 'Applications' and 'Appeals'. Under the 'Applications' sub-tab, there is a 'Reference Numbers' section with three input fields: 'Application Reference:', 'Planning Portal Reference:', and 'Alternative Reference:'.

Select in the Application Type, select the type of application you are looking for and the Development Type box, select the type of application you are looking for



The screenshot shows the 'Application Details' form. It contains the following fields and options:

- Description Keyword:
- Applicant Name:
- Application Type: Major application (dropdown menu)
- Ward: All (dropdown menu)
- Conservation Area:
- Agent:
- Status: Decided (dropdown menu)
- Decision: All (dropdown menu)
- Appeal Status: All (dropdown menu)
- Appeal Decision: All (dropdown menu)
- Development Type: All (dropdown menu)
- Address: (with a help icon)

Enter a date range (a start date and an end date) for the criteria that you are interested in and search.

Dates

Enter a date range (a start date and an end date) for the criteria that you are interested in. The date fields may be entered manually using the date format dd/mm/yyyy (e.g. 01/07/2019). Alternatively, click on the calendar button and pick a date.

Date Received:  to: 

Date Validated:  to: 

Date Actual Committee:  to: 

Decision Date:  to: 

Appeal Decision Date:  to: 

Search

Reset