

1. How many planning applications have you received since (and including) 2 April 2024? 413 (as of the 18 June 2024)

2. Of those applications, how many have been validated? 345 (as of the 18 June 2024)

3.
a. Of the validated applications, how many have claimed exemption from mandatory biodiversity net gain?

b. Of those claiming exemptions, how many have relied on each exemption:

- i. Householder application
- ii. Self build or custom build application
- iii. Application for a biodiversity gain site
- iv. HS2-related application
- v. 'De minimis' exemption where less than 25sqm of area habitat, 5m of hedgerow, 5m of watercourse and no priority habitat are affected

Q3 & Q4

This information is available to view on the Council's website, as part of the planning application form and accompanying information. Please click on the following link to access the page:

c. Of those claiming the de minimis exemption, how many have set out what habitats are within the red line boundary for the application?

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Planning-and-Building-Control/Planning/Search-planning-applications.aspx>

4. Of the validated applications not claiming exemption from mandatory biodiversity net gain (i.e. answer to Q2 minus answer to Q3(a)):

Guidance on how to search the information can be found on this page also.

- a. how many have been granted permission?
- b. of those granted permission under Q4(a), how many have submitted a biodiversity gain plan?
- c. of those submitting a biodiversity gain plan under Q4(b), how many have had it approved?