



## **REQUEST 19358**

I would like to request the following information regarding the planning applications for GP surgeries in your area:

1. How many planning applications for the construction of a GP surgery have been made in each year since 2015?
2. How many of these applications have been approved?
3. Of those approved, how many have begun construction?

Please could you provide this information in the format of an Excel spreadsheet.

## **RESPONSE**

Q1 and Q2. Any information the Council holds in respect of this request is accessible via the Council's website at the following link. Please utilise the search function available on this webpage accordingly:

[Search and comment on planning applications](#)

Support and guidance on how to search the information the Council holds on this section of its website is available on the above webpage, but is also provided in the accompanying 'Public Access User Guide' PDF document and via the link to the relevant page on the Council's website below:

[Idox PA for Planning User Guide](#)

Q3. In relation to your request for information on when construction began on any relevant developments and whether any planning permissions subsequently expired, the Council does not hold this information in a way that would allow us to provide a comprehensive, authoritative response.

The Council does not systematically record the physical commencement of development on site unless this is formally notified to us by the developer (for example, through a commencement notice for CIL-liable developments, or where a specific trigger requires confirmation of commencement). In the absence of such notification, we may hold records of applications to discharge pre-commencement planning conditions; however, the discharge of conditions does not in itself confirm that development lawfully began on site. For this reason, the Council cannot conclusively confirm commencement dates.

Similarly, where planning permissions have lapsed due to non-implementation, this is not always recorded as a discrete dataset. A permission will simply expire by operation of law if it is not implemented within the statutory period. The Council does not maintain a central record identifying which historic permissions have lapsed for this reason.

If the purpose of your request is to establish when construction of specific health-related or community infrastructure commenced, you may wish to contact the relevant health service providers or delivery organisations directly, as they may hold more definitive construction and operational start-date information.

In summary, while we may hold some records relating to pre-commencement condition discharge applications, these do not provide a reliable or complete basis for determining when development began, and therefore we do not hold the requested information in a form that can answer your enquiry under Regulation 5 of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.