

FOI number: **HBC\_FOI\_20200020**  
Date FOI Received: **10/01/2020**  
Department: **Planning**  
Title: **Change of use under permitted development rights**  
Description: **The number of applications for change of use under permitted development rights from 2015 to 2019.**

**Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)**

1. The number of applications the council / authority has received for developments under permitted development rights for a change of use of premises from a B1(a) office use to C3 residential use in each of the following years: (i) 2015, (ii) 2016, (iii) 2017, (iv) 2018, (v) 2019.
2. Of the applications the council / authority received to change of use of premises from a B1(a) office use to C3 residential use, what number were approved in each of the following years: (i) 2015, (ii) 2016, (iii) 2017, (iv) 2018, (v) 2019?
3. Of the applications the council / authority received to change of use of premises from a B1(a) office use to C3 residential use, what number were rejected in each of the following years: (i) 2015, (ii) 2016, (iii) 2017, (iv) 2018, (v) 2019?
4. The breakdown of the reasons permission was rejected on the grounds of (i) flooding, (ii) contamination, (iii) highways and transport issues (iv) impacts of noise from commercial premises on the intended occupiers of the development.

**Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)**

The information you have requested is publically available and is contained in the Planning Register on the Council's website, which can be viewed using the advanced search, accessible via the following link:

<http://www6.hertsmere.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=advanced>

Under Application Details insert a Description Keyword, and select an appropriate Application Type from the drop-down menu.

### Application Details

Description Keyword:	<input type="text"/>
Applicant Name:	<input type="text"/>
Application Type:	All <input type="button" value="v"/>
Ward:	All <input type="button" value="v"/>
Parish:	All <input type="button" value="v"/>
Conservation Area:	<input type="text"/>
Status:	All <input type="button" value="v"/>
Decision:	All <input type="button" value="v"/>
Appeal Status:	All <input type="button" value="v"/>
Appeal Decision:	All <input type="button" value="v"/>
Development Type:	All <input type="button" value="v"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>

Finally insert your date parameters in the Date Received fields.

### 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. 21/06/2008). Alternatively, click on the calendar button and pick a date.

Date Received:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="cal"/>	to:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="cal"/>
Date Validated:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="cal"/>	to:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="cal"/>
Date Actual Committee:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="cal"/>	to:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="cal"/>
Decision Date:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="cal"/>	to:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="cal"/>
Appeal Decision Date:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="cal"/>	to:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="cal"/>

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Please include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services