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Between 2013 and 2021, how many cases involving expired planning permission did CEC Planning department receive in total (including enforcement cases)?

We do not have the ability to extract the information requested without carrying out a manual review of each file to see whether the case involved expired planning permission.

A summary of the total number of enforcement cases for each of the calendar years is listed below:

2013 - 775 cases  
2014 - 810 cases  
2015 - 638 cases  
2016 - 673 cases  
2017 - 711 cases  
2018 - 726 cases  
2019 - 960 cases  
2020 - 770 cases  
2021 - 828 cases  
2022 - 602 cases  
TOTAL - 7493 cases

Number of records to be located, retrieved and searched to provide the requested information = 7493

It is estimated that to manually review a file would take on average approx. 5 minutes depending on the size of the file and amount of correspondence that would need to be reviewed. Based on the above estimate, it would take approx. 374.65 hours to locate and collate the above information.

The other option would be to review the reports of handling that are prepared for each case and are publicly available to view <https://citydev-portal.edinburgh.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Enforcement>

In how many of those cases was new permission requested?

We do not have the ability to extract the information requested without carrying out a manual review of each file to see whether a new permission was requested.

The exception would be if the request for a new permission was the subject of a formal enforcement notice requiring the landowner or developer to submit a retrospective planning application under section 33A of Town and Country Planning Scotland Act 1997 (As amended). In those cases, under s.147 of the Town and Country Planning Scotland Act 1997 (As amended), the planning authority must keep a register of enforcement notices and the legal requirement is that the register shall be available for inspection by the public at all reasonable hours. Information for the period 2013 to 2015 is held in paper form and is publicly available to view at the Council offices. Information from 2015 onwards is held on the online Enforcement Register [Enforcement – The City of Edinburgh Council](#) and is publicly available. The online register contains a search function that allows enquirers to search for enforcement notices which relate to particular types of development. If you enter “**section 33**” in the search function this will identify the address of the notice.

In how many cases did CEC rule that no new permission was required and allow building work to progress based on the expired plans. (Please break this down into the permission being 1-3 years and 4-6 + years out of date.)

In how many of these cases was this granted for major alterations or house extensions?

How many extensions have CEC allowed to go ahead with no current planning permission in the past 5 years?

In response to the above questions, we do not have the ability to extract the information requested without carrying out a manual review of each file.

The other option would be to review the reports of handling that are prepared for each case and are publicly available to view <https://citydev-portal.edinburgh.gov.uk/idxpa-web/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Enforcement>