

59698 Planning Applications

Please provide the following information in relation to planning applications submitted to the City of Edinburgh Council:

For each calendar year from 2018 to the most recent year available:

- a) The number of planning applications received for developments described as “aparthotel”, “serviced apartments”, or similar forms of self-contained tourist accommodation (including purpose-built developments and change-of-use applications).

All Planning Applications are publicly available to search through on the Planning Portal at:

<https://citydev-portal.edinburgh.gov.uk/idxpa-web/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

We do not hold the data in the way it is being requested, however, aparthotels, Short-Term Lets (STLs), etc would all be classed as Development Type: “Other Developments”, as per Scottish Government requirements.

You can search and refine on the Portal manually as required. The above would involve multiple Advanced searches and combine two or more of the following:

- Description key words
- Application Type (STLs have been recorded as “Planning Permission STL” since Oct 2022)
- Development type
- Relevant dates

- b) The number of such applications that were approved, refused, withdrawn, or remain undecided.

As above, this is publicly available on the Planning Portal.

- c) Where available, the location (ward or postcode sector) and the type of development (new-build vs change of use).

Location (Council Ward, Community Council Ward, Conservation Area), is held on the Planning Portal as above. New-build vs Change of Use is not held in a way we can report on or can be searched for, although it would be found within each report. This can be manually checked and recorded.

For the same period, the number of planning applications for short-term lets / holiday lets (change of use of residential properties for short-term letting), with outcomes (approved, refused, withdrawn, undecided).

As above, this is publicly available on the Planning Portal:

[Advanced Search > Application Type > “Planning Permission STL” + combine with relevant dates and outcomes].

Any internal reports, monitoring data, or analysis held by the Council that:

- a) Compare trends in short-term let applications with aparthotel/serviced-apartment applications;

There are none held.

- b) Assess whether the introduction of short-term let control areas and licensing requirements (from 2022 onwards) has led to an increase in applications for aparthotel or serviced-apartment developments.

There are none held.

If possible, I would prefer the information in a spreadsheet or tabular format (e.g. Excel or CSV).

Search results from the Planning Portal can be exported to Excel by copying and pasting as text.