

61132 Data Centre Planning Applications and Non-Disclosure Agreements

I am writing to request information held by your council concerning data centre planning applications, non-disclosure agreements and confidentiality arrangements related to such applications.

Please provide the following:

Planning applications (last five years):

All planning applications submitted to the council since 1 January 2021 that relate to data centres, cloud computing facilities, hyperscale computing facilities or AI infrastructure. For each application, please provide:

Planning reference number; Application date; Applicant name (individual or corporate); Site address; Brief description of proposed use; Current status (approved, refused, withdrawn, pending); Decision date (if determined).

Planning reference number - 25/04239/PPP

Application date - Received on 18th August 2025 and Validated on 8th September 2025

Applicant name (individual or corporate) - Shelborn Drummond Ltd.

Site address - 1 Redheughs Avenue, South Gyle, Edinburgh, EH12 9RH

Brief description of proposed use - Planning permission in principle for erection of a Green Data Centre with associated infrastructure, landscaping, servicing, car and cycle parking; formation of public park with sports facilities; and formation of Active Travel routes; full approval for the siting of the Data Centre development and public park; maximum height and limits of deviation of proposed development; siting of Active Travel routes and points of vehicular access/egress.

Current status (approved, refused, withdrawn, pending) - Refused by Development Management Sub-Committee and appeal against refusal submitted to Scottish Government's Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA). No decision has yet been made on the appeal.

Decision date (if determined) - Decision issued following refusal at committee on the 9th February 2026. No decision issued yet for the subsequent appeal.

Non-disclosure agreements:

Copies of any non-disclosure agreements (NDAs), confidentiality agreements or similar instruments entered into by the council with applicants, developers or operators in connection with data-centre planning applications or negotiations since 1 January 2021.

If full copies cannot be disclosed due to commercial sensitivity, please provide:

The number of such agreements

The parties to each agreement

The date each agreement was signed

A summary of the type of information covered (for example, site location, energy consumption, tenant identity)

Whether each agreement has expired or remains in force.

There are no NDAs, confidentiality agreements or similar instruments associated with Data Centre Planning Applications since 1 January 2021 within the Council's Planning department.

Policy and guidance:

Any internal guidance, policy documents or legal advice provided to planning officers or councillors regarding the use of NDAs or confidentiality clauses in data-centre planning matters.

There are no such documents or advice recorded as there are no NDAs or confidentiality clauses associated with Data Centre Planning matters within the Planning department.

Correspondence and briefings:

Any correspondence (including emails) or briefing notes between council officers, elected members and data-centre developers or their agents concerning confidentiality, NDAs or the withholding of information from the public domain in relation to data-centre projects since 1 January 2021.

There is no correspondence or briefing notes held regarding confidentiality, NDAs or the withholding of information from the public domain associated with Data Centre projects.