

63039 Effectiveness of Local Governance in Water Management

In each of the last three financial years (2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26), please provide the total number of approved planning applications for the following:

Major residential developments (50 or more dwellings)

Major commercial developments (5,000 sqm or more floor space)

Residential and commercial developments which included Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS).

How many of the approved applications in the last three financial years (2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26) have not included any SuDS measures?

For each of the last three financial years, please provide total annual council expenditure related to SuDS for:

Capital projects (net new SuDS infrastructure)

Maintenance of existing systems

Retrofit schemes (systems incorporated into existing developed areas)

The information you have requested is centrally recorded on our [planning portal](#). However, the only method of obtaining the requested information is to consult and check each application as attached to determine whether SuDS were involved. The list attached contains all 1,466 residential and commercial applications granted within the requested timeframe.

Please note that if the Council were to undertake this search, your request would be withheld as manifestly unreasonable on the grounds of time and cost.