

63520 Residential Noise Assessments

I request copies of all environmental noise assessments, acoustic assessments and road traffic noise reports submitted in support of residential planning applications approved by the City of Edinburgh Council from 1 January 2010 to the present.

For each development, please also provide:

The planning application reference.

The development name and location.

The date(s) and season in which the noise surveys were undertaken.

Whether the assessment included:

daytime monitoring;

evening monitoring;

night-time monitoring;

weekend monitoring;

post-construction or post-occupation verification monitoring.

Any planning conditions relating to acoustic mitigation.

Any records confirming that the approved acoustic mitigation was inspected, approved or signed off before occupation, where held.

Any information explaining why the chosen survey period was considered representative of year-round residential noise exposure, including whether peak summer conditions, seasonal increases in recreational traffic (including motorcycles), outdoor use of gardens and natural ventilation through open windows were considered during the assessment.

We consider the request to be manifestly unreasonable because in order to respond to your request fully, the Council would need to undertake a manual search of all housing applications within the last 16 years. For example, there were over 60 housing applications granted within the last year. We estimate that checking one of these applications for the requested information would take approximately 10 minutes. Therefore, to check all relevant applications would take approximately 160 hours. At a rate of £15 an hour, this would cost the Council approximately £2,400 of officer time.

Please also note that this information is available through our [Planning Portal](#). The steps are as follows:

- Use the Advanced Search function;
- Choose Development Type “Housing Local” / “Housing Local (with EIA)” / “Housing Major”;
- Enter relevant dates;
- Enter relevant decision.

If we have copies of environmental noise assessments, acoustic assessments and road traffic noise reports they would be stored under each record and available to view.