

Dear

ATISN 24906

Thank you for your request which I received on 20 June 2025. You asked the following:

Whether any planning permission refusals have been made by a council who cited the Future Generations Act as one of the reasons to refuse planning permission and whether this was subsequently overturned on appeal in respect of the Future Generations Act element.

If so, how many by local authority and year and what was the average amount of costs allocated to the applicant if known.

Our response:

From my preliminary assessment, I estimate that the cost to provide the information request would be manifestly unreasonable. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

Local Planning Authority (LPA) refusal notices submitted to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) as appeal submission documents, are not recorded by reasons for refusal. All appeals are recorded by appeal reference number, Appellant, site address and LPA. To gather the information you have requested, each electronic record of every appeal submitted would have to be opened and reviewed.

There are currently 575 live appeals before PEDW. To access each electronic record in our system would, on average, take 5 minutes per case. This would total 47.91 hours. Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. For example, is there a particular LPA area you're interested in. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

You may wish to contact the individual LPAs to enquire whether they record their refusal notices by the specific reasons for refusals.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

or e-mail: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Website: www.ico.org.uk

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely