

Reference: RFI 1709014

Request:

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act from the Council.

The following questions relate to planning applications featuring use class A5 (i.e. hot food takeaway), under the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987.

Where we refer to "applications featuring use category A5", this includes applications featuring sole use as category A5, and includes applications featuring a change of use to category A5. But does **not** include applications featuring a combined use of category A5 alongside another use category (e.g. A3 & A5 combined).

Where we refer to "the last 5 years", this refers to applications submitted from 1st September 2012 until 1st September 2017.

1) Out of the planning applications that you have received in the last 5 years featuring use category A5, how many of these applications have been granted planning permission?

During the period 16 Sept 2012 to 16 Sept 2017 twelve (12) applications proposing sole use as A5 hot food takeaway have been approved.

2) Out of the planning applications that you have received in the last 5 years featuring use category A5, how many of these applications have been refused planning permission?

In the same period of time as for q.1 above, eighteen (18) applications have been refused permission.

3) Out of these refused applications (detailed in question 2), how many have been appealed by the applicant?

Of the 18 refusals, an appeal has been lodged against five (5) decisions.

4) Out of these applications appealed by the applicant (detailed in question 3), how many of the appeals have been allowed?

Of the five appeals, two (2) have been allowed (two others are as yet undecided).

5) Does your council currently have a Local Plan Document or Supplementary Planning Document in place, which details the council's approach to fast food takeaway planning applications?

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The Council's adopted Local Plan includes the following policy:

DM3.7 Hot Food Take-aways

Proposals for A5 hot food take-aways will be permitted unless:

a. It would result in a clustering of A5 uses to the detriment of the character, function, vitality and

viability of the defined centres or it would have an adverse impact on the standard of amenity for

existing and future occupants of adjacent land and buildings.

- b. There are two or more consecutive A5 uses in any one length of frontage. Where A5 uses already exist in any length of frontage, a gap of at least two non A5 use shall be required before a further A5 use will be permitted in the same length of frontage. To promote healthier communities, the Council will:
- c. Prevent the development of A5 use within a 400m radius of entry points to all middle and secondary schools, as shown on the Policies Map.
- d. Prevent the development of A5 use in wards where there is more than 15% of the year 6 pupils or 10% of reception pupilsclassified as very overweight*.
- e. Assess on an individual basis, the impact hot food take-aways have on the well-being of residents.
- * Data available within the 'Public Health Evidence for control of Hot Food Takeaways':

http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/pls/portal/NTC_PSCM.PSCM_Web.download?p_ID=563 031

The full Local Plan can be viewed here:

<u>http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/pls/portal/NTC_PSCM.PSCM_Web.download?p_ID=</u> 569641

5a. If YES, when did you release this document? (Please detail the month and year)

The Local Plan was adopted on 20July 2017.

5b. If NO, do you have plans to release a document of this description? (Please detail the month and year you expect to release this document)

Not applicable.

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