

AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

This request was answered under the legislation indicated below:-

Statutory Deadline

- DP Data Protection Act 1998 (£10 fee payable) +40 elapsed days after date of receipt*
- FOI Freedom of Information Act 2000 (usually free) +20 working days after date of receipt*
- EIR Environmental Information Regulations 2004 +20 working days after date of receipt*
- EIR exceptionally extended +40 working days after date of receipt*
- RPSI Reuse of Public Sector Information Regulations +20 working days after date of receipt*

Date Received on 28th July 2009

Reply Due by 25th Aug 2009



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Request Reference
FOI 807

Date Reply Sent
30th July 2009

Question asked (as phrased by customer)

From: Matt White [<mailto:request-15331-2e23987a@whatdotheyknow.com>]
Sent: 28 July 2009 20:30
To: Data_Protection
Subject: Freedom of Information request - Planning Applications featuring Change of Use from A1

Dear Sir or Madam,

I believe you are an authority with planning responsibilities (according to

<http://www.theplanningdirectory.co.uk/auto/index.html>), apologies if this is not the case.

Can you please let me know the following relating to planning applications featuring a change of use from A1 (shop), under the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987.

In the last 5 years:

- 1) How many planning applications have you received featuring a change of use from A1?
- 2) Of those applications in 1, how many of these were retrospective?
- 3) How many planning applications have you received from Starbucks (or their representatives) featuring a change of use from A1?
- 4) Of those applications in 3, how many of these were retrospective?

Yours faithfully,

Matt White

AVDC response

Matt White

Thank you for your information request.

We have reviewed the request and found it to be exempt information under section 21 of the Act.

The information is reasonably accessible by other means.

All Aylesbury Vale District Council planning applications are publicly available online at http://eplanning.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/applications/planning_details.htm

However, as it would take considerable time for you to identify which of all the applications we have received fit your criteria. We have attached a list of all valid applications received in the last 5 years which incorporate the terms "A1" and "change of use" in the description.

We hope that this will narrow your search and enable you to pick which ones will be of relevance. File FOI – Matt White Attachment

In regards to questions 3 and 4 we are

afraid this information is unavailable as we only record the site address and applicant's and agent's name. These are frequently different from the trading name.

If you have any further requests please email records@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk or write to the below address.

Regards
Sarah Walker
On behalf of the Head of IT

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Aylesbury Vale District Council
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2. If you are dissatisfied with our response or wish to seek further explanation or make a comment please contact us again – see our publication scheme on website www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk or our Corporate Complaints leaflet “If we’ve got it right or wrong” for details of the procedure.
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