

FOI Disclosure Log

Summary of Non-Personal Requests to the Office of the Planning Regulator – 2019 - 2022

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Date Request Received	Requestor Category	Request Summary	Decision	Decision Date
21 st December 2022	Others	Copy an internal examination report prepared by An Bord Pleanála, and provided to the OPR on a confidential basis, in relation to concerns raised on a number of case files.	Refused under section 35	23 rd December 2022
10 th November 2022	Others	All documents examined by this office in relation to the proposed zoning at Greenogue Business Park relating to the zoning recommendation made by the OPR; to include a copy of the land capacity analysis and documents that relate to the EE zoned land in South Dublin.	Partially released	9 th December 2022

27 th September 2022	Client	A copy of records of the number of complaints received by OPR from the establishment of your office (April 2019 up until the current time Sept 22) about planning application drawings which may have been either inaccurate or lacking in detail, been of a poor standard, did not correctly show contiguous buildings or which were otherwise not in compliance with the planning and development regulations which have been accepted or validated by our 31 planning authorities on an authority by authority basis.	Refused under section 15(1)(a)	24 th October 2022
13 th September 2022	Business/ Interest groups	All documents and information in relation to the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 in the context of consideration/ having regard to the Urban Development and Building Guidelines 2018.All documents and information in relation to zoning and rezoning (only in the Dundalk Area) in connection to the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027.	Partially released	12 th October 2022
30 th August 2022	Journalist	Copies of all correspondence between the OPR and its parent department with regard to OPR plans to carry out a review of An Bord Pleanála.	Partially released	28 th September 2022
22 nd August 2022	Journalist	All correspondence between the OPR and the Department of Housing in relation to a review in planning practices at An Bord Pleanála, dated between 1st April and 20 August, 2022.	Partially released	20 th September 2022
18 th August 2022	Others	All correspondence / records between Fingal County Council and the Office of the Planning Regulator's Plans Evaluation Team between May 1st 2021 and 31st July 2022 concerning Zoning, and also any references to the Fingal Development Plan 2023 and 2029.	Partially released	13 th September 2022
9 th August 2022	Others	a copy of the "Notice letter under 31 (AM) 6 of the Act "dated 4th July 2022 sent by the Cork City Council Chief Executive to the Office of the Planning Regulator stating the reasons why MA recommendation 6 (Employment site 4 Glanmire, ma.no 2.47 Lands at Glanmire) had not been complied with, either in full or in part.	Released	22 nd August 2022

8 th July 2022	Journalist	Any correspondence between the Office of the Planning Regulator and outside parties that relates to the proposed restrictions on build-to-rent housing in the Dublin city draft development plan. I would like any correspondence from 2021 and 2022 to date.	Released	5 th August 2022
30 th May 2022	Journalist	Copies of all records held referring or relating to the decision-making around Niall Cussen's declining of an invitation to appear at a meeting of Dublin City Council to discuss build-to-rent schemes.	Released	13 th June 2022
10 th May 2022	Oireachtas	Copies of all correspondence electronic or otherwise to include notes of telephone conversations and/or meetings, mobile texts, whatsapp messages, from the office of the planning regulator, its executive and/or members concerning or that make reference to the requester during the period 1st November 2019 to present date.	Partially released	9 th June 2022
3 rd May 2022	Journalist	Copies of any correspondence between OPR and An Bord Pleanala with regard to concerns over potential conflicts of interest at ABP. Copies of any records held by OPR referring or relating to concerns over potential conflicts of interest at ABP. Both parts of this request to cover the period 1 April 2021 to date of receipt of the request.	Released	13 th May 2022
27 th March 2022	Other	All records and correspondence both internal and external in written, digital and electronic format, held by the Office of the Planning Regulator relating to: -The decision to reject Material amendment RSE Woodlawn 20.1 (Volume 1) of the Galway County Development Plan.	Partially released	27 th April 2022
12 th March 2022	Other	Copies of all documents which were generated by the Planning Regulator's regarding the application of the principles set out in the Government's 'Urban Development & Building Height Guidelines for Planning Authorities' which were published in December 2018, to the making of the Louth County Development Plan 2021 - 2027	Refused under Section 15(1)(a)	8 th April 2022

26 October 2021	Other	Copies of all documents from the 1st January 2020 to 26th October 2021 relating to the following in County Kerry: 1. An Daingean Electoral Area Local Area Plan 2020-2026. 2. Corca Dhuibhne Electoral Area Local Area Plan 2021-2027	Partially released	23 November 2021
4 October 2021	Other	Copies of all documentation to and from Donegal County Council pertaining to the OPR review of the planning functions of Donegal County Council	Refused under section 15(1)(a)	21 October 2021
9 September 2021	Oireachtas	Copies of all correspondence between the Office of the Planning Regulator and Galway County Council and Wexford County Council related to the draft county development plans, including the issues of densities and housing need, for those administrative areas between 1st June 2020 and the 20th August 2021 inclusive.	Partially released	7 October 2021
3 August 2021	Journalist	A database/spreadsheet of line-by-line expenditure associated with the organisation of five events by the OPR for local councillors (as per the following article: https://www.theplanner.co.uk/news/irish-regulator-warns-of-%E2%80%98seriously-overstretched%E2%80%99-council-planning-departments)	Refused under section 15(1)(a)	31 August 2021
1 July 2021	Journalist	Copies of all correspondence between the OPR and the Dept of Housing with regard to the following submissions: https://www.opr.ie/submissions-published-on-draft-dun-laoghaire-rathdown-and-dublin-city-development-plan/ copies of all correspondence between the OPR and DLR Co with regard to the following submissions: https://www.opr.ie/submissions-published-on-draft-dun-laoghaire-rathdown-and-dublin-city-development-plan/	Released	29 July 2021
31 May 2021	Journalist	Records referring or relating to personal/inflammatory comments made by Oireachtas members about the Office of the Planning Regulator. This request to cover the period 1 March 2021 to date of receipt of the request.	Released	29 June 2021

18 February 2021	Journalist	Records on the Office of the Planning Regulator's expenditure on commercial advertising from January 2020 to date, including a breakdown of spending on print, social media, radio, television.	Released with redactions	12 March 2021
12 February 2021	Business/Interest Groups	Copies of all records held referring or relating to all communications between ABO WIND IRELAND LTD and the Office of The Planning Regulator in relation to a proposed Windfarm on Kilranelagh Hill from 01 January 2019 to date.	Refused under section 15(1)(a)	8 March 2021
4 February 2021	Business/Interest Groups	Any correspondence received from third parties in relation to the draft Naas Local Area Plan.	Partially released	4 March 2021
19 November 2020	Journalist	Correspondence between the Office of the Planning Regulator and Ronan Group Real Estate during 2019 & 2020. Minutes from meetings that took place between Office of the Planning Regulator and Ronan Group Real Estate during 2019 & 2020.	Released	17 December 2020
8 July 2020	Other	Records relating to the UCD Confucius Institutes planning process.	Refused under section 15(1)(a)	21 July 2020
6 December 2019	Oireachtas/Public Representative	A copy of the pre-budget submission from your agency to the Department of Finance, Department of Housing or Department of Public Expenditure ahead of Budget 2020. A copy of any cover, explanatory or accompanying letters sent by the chairman or chief executive of your agency along with the pre-budget submission.	Refused under section 15(1)(a)	20 December 2019
3 October 2019	Journalist	A copy of the Planning Regulator's diary from 1 January 2019 to date.	Released	31 October 2019

3 October 2019	Journalist	Copies of the submissions made to the OPR that fed into the OPR's Strategy Statement during the six-week consultation process.	Released	31 October 2019
19 July 2019	Business/Interest Groups	Any correspondence received from third parties in relation to the Naas Local Area Plan 2019-2023.	Released	9 August 2019