

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information pertaining to Section 106 agreements under the Town and Country Planning Act:

1. The total number of Section 106 agreements between developers and the Council for each financial year since 2010.

Financial Year	No. of agreements
2010-2011	85
2011-2012	98
2012-2013	137
2013-2014	142
2014-2015	121
2015-2016	76
2016-2017	47
2017-2018	37
2018-2019	27
2019-2020	59
2020-2021	27
2021-2022	24
2022-2023	30
2023-2024	12
Total:	922

This figures include both S106 agreements and unilateral undertakings.

2. For the total number of planning obligations agreed under Section 106 since 2010, please provide the number of agreements that fall under each of the following categories:
 - a. Delivered in line with S106 and to expectations
 - b. Expected to be delivered in full in due course
 - c. Delivered but with agreed changes
 - d. Not delivered as agreed
 - e. Outcome unknown
3. Of the total S106 agreements made between 2010 to present, the number that resulted in a financial payment to the Council instead of a building or construction obligation.

The information held by the Council is not structured in the form requested: the only element directly held relates to Question 2a where requirements have been fully discharged.

In regard to Q2a, the Council can confirm that of the 922 deeds, records show that there are 3032 individual covenants, and of this figure, there are 1757 that have been discharged in full.

Providing the rest of the information (for Q2b to Q2e and Q3) in the form requested would entail a manual review of each of the 922 agreements referred to in Q1, which comprise 3,032 individual covenants. Given the requirement to cross-refer to other records, it is estimated that this task would take an average of 3 minutes per covenant, or over 9,000 minutes (150 hours).

Regulation 12(4)(b) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 allows a public authority to refuse to disclose information to the extent that the request for information is manifestly unreasonable. Given that extracting this information would exceed 150 hours, the exception available under Regulation 12(4)(b) is engaged.

The requestor is advised that it is the Council's practice to finalise negotiations in relation to Section 106 agreements, including the confirmation of any reduction in requirements in light of viability evidence, before a recommendation is made to Planning Committee. If a developer requested a variation to the agreement at a later stage which materially affected the position initially reported to Committee, then a further report would be taken to Committee.

4. Of financial contributions collected under Section 106, how much remains unspent

£19,196,449.50