



REQUEST	17262	RESPONSE
	<p>I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding planning applications in your area that have been impacted by the presence of protected species within your authority's jurisdiction.</p> <p>Specifically, I would like to request details on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The number of planning applications submitted that required consideration of protected species (e.g., bats, great crested newts, badgers)2. The number of planning applications that have been halted, rejected, or otherwise affected due to the requirement for protected species surveys within the last year. If possible, please provide the number of applications for each specific outcome3. A breakdown of the types of protected species (e.g., bats, great crested newts, badgers) that have been identified in surveys and subsequently impacted the planning applications in some way (delays, rejections etc.) <p>If available, I would appreciate this data for the last year (November 2023 - November 2024). Additionally, if possible, please provide any insights on the primary reasons why these applications were halted or rejected due to ecological considerations.</p>	<p>This information is available on the Wigan Council Website at the following link: Applications Search.</p> <p>Here the applications can be filtered using one or more of the fields, and it is also where all the associated documents with each planning application, which will contain the answers to your Q's 1-3, can be viewed.</p>