

Ref: FOI 2026/00799

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find the answers to your queries below:

Please see below the Council's response to your freedom of information request concerning building control activity data.

Please could you provide the following data for each financial year from 2015/16 to 2025/26:

1. Initial Notices from Approved Inspectors / Registered Building Control Approvers

The number of Initial Notices received and accepted by the council in each year, broken down by:

- a) Building type, using whatever categorisation is held in your case management system**
- b) New build vs alteration/extension/refurbishment**
- c) The identity of the Approved Inspector/RBCA named on each notice, where held**

Information not held - we do not record the data broken down by the above categories in the way which we do with applications submitted to us.

2. Lapsed Initial Notices

The number of Initial Notices that lapsed or were cancelled in each year, and where held, the identity of the Approved Inspector/RBCA named on the original notice.

36 cancellations were received between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026.

3. Local Authority Building Control Applications

The number of building control applications received by the council in each year, broken down by:

- a) Application type: Full Plans (FP), Building Notice (BN), Regularisation**
- b) Building type, using whatever categorisation is held in your case management system**

c) New build vs alteration/extension/refurbishment

Please see table below.

The following data has been provided regarding 3a and 3b between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026. The left hand column shows the application type and the right hand column shows the number of applications received for under each application type.

So for:

- Building Notices received between 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026 it would be the total of $1+199+84+2+4+1 = 291$
- Full Plans received between 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026 it would be the total of $1+100+48+2+1+1+1+5+4+4+3+5 = 175$
- Regularisations received between 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026 it would be the total of $60+18+1+1 = 80$

The number by building type would be using the middle column.

Q3 CaseType	Building Type	Total Received
Building Notice	NULL	1
Building Notice	Dwelling House	199
Building Notice	Dwelling house < 4.5m a.g.l.	84
Building Notice	Dwelling house >4.5m a.g.l.	2
Building Notice	Garage	4
Building Notice	New dwelling - House, Flat or Maisonette	1
Full Plans	Assembly	1
Full Plans	Dwelling House	100
Full Plans	Dwelling house < 4.5m a.g.l.	48
Full Plans	Flat or maisonette	2
Full Plans	Garage	1
Full Plans	Hospital or Medical	1
Full Plans	New Building/Work	1
Full Plans	New dwelling - House, Flat or Maisonette	5
Full Plans	Office	4
Full Plans	Other residential	4
Full Plans	Recreational	3
Full Plans	Shop or commercial	5
Regularisation Certificate	Dwelling House	60
Regularisation Certificate	Dwelling house < 4.5m a.g.l.	18
Regularisation Certificate	Flat or maisonette	1
Regularisation Certificate	Garage	1

4. Performance Any performance data held by the council relating to the Building Control Service, including but not limited to average application processing times, time to first site inspection, or any metrics reported internally or to committee.

We do not routinely record information in this format.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

Guildford Borough Council