**WBCIR:16903**

**1. How many appeals against decisions relating to residential-led planning applications were lodged in (a) 2020/21, (b) 2021/22, and (c) 2022/23 and how many residential units were involved in these appeals?

2. How much was spent by the authority on legal advice and action relating to planning appeals in (a) 2020/21, (b) 2021/22, and (c) 2022/23

3. How many planning applications were granted permission after appeal in (a) 2020/21, (b) 2021/22, and (c) 2022/23

4. How many new residential units were granted permission following an appeal in (a) 2020/21, (b) 2021/22, and (c) 2022/23

5. How much was spent by the authority on legal advice and action relating to planning appeals that were then granted permission in (a) 2020/21, (b) 2021/22, and (c) 2022/23**

Our lead specialist in our planning department advises she has reviewed pivot reports which show purchase orders and expenditure over the last 3 years, spending hours trying to cross reference invoices with planning applications/appeals. Unfortunately, whilst we can say the total amount spent on legal advice, it is not possible to break it down further and say definitively what that legal advice related to. It may be matters other than housing appeals. Please see below table which shows as much information as we could accurately produce.

Some residential appeals are outline only and the number of units is not specified.

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|  | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 |
| How many appeals relating to resi dev | 31 appeals | 18 | 23 |
| How many resi units | 194 units | 69 | 501 |
| How much was spent on legal advice |  |  |  |
| How many appeals for resi dev allowed | 6 | 4 | 5 |
| How many resi units in those appeals | 8 | 7 | 143 |
| How much spent on legal advice for allowed appeals |  |  |  |

Its has not been possible to answer question 3 and 5 for a number of reasons:

We do not record information in this way. Pivot tables produced from BWO only have supplier name, PO text and amount per each financial year. The invoices are not crossed referenced against application number. Payments are made over a number of years as public inquiries can take a couple of years.

Disclosing how much we paid for an appeal would reveal commercially sensitive information.