

Response to Freedom of Information Request 19342

1. Does your Local Authority require such submissions to accompany planning applications?

Yes

If so,

2. What class of applications fall within this requirement?

Full details are contained within the Councils Local Validation Checklist which can be found on our website at:

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/sites/wokingham/files/2024-06/Local%20Validation%20List.pdf>

Page 48 of the Local Validation List relates to Heritage Statement details.

3. Which team in the LA requires the submission to be made, (in the circumstances defined in the reply to Q1,above)?

Planning

4. What steps, if any, are taken to verify the information contained in applicants' completed submissions?

Planning applications accompanied by a Heritage Statement are reviewed by a Heritage & Building Conservation Specialist.

5. What penalties, if any, are levied in the event that false or misleading information is submitted?

There is no specific law that covers the provision of false or misleading information in respect of a planning application.

However any person who makes a false or misleading statement in connection with a planning application, knowing that it was or might be untrue or misleading, with the intent to make a gain for himself may be prosecuted under the Fraud Act 2006.

If no to Q1

6. Does your LA have any plans to introduce a system to ensure planning applicants strive to protect heritage?

N/A