

Thank you for your request which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 10 June 2019.

You asked for;

The number of planning applications received in each of the last five years (2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19).

The number of planning applications in each of those years, excluding major developments, which were took longer than eight weeks for a determination to be made.

The number of staff employed in the planning department in each of those years.

The current number of planning applications being considered by your authority which have been awaiting determination for more than eight weeks (as per June 10, 2019).

I am only able to confirm the number of staff that have been working in the department for those years which is below. As the GLA is a strategic planning authority it is only referred schemes of 'potential strategic importance' that meet the criteria set out in the Mayor of London Order 2008. These schemes also operate to a different timescale, 6 weeks for a stage 1 response and 14 days for a stage 2 response. More information can be found online here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/planning-applications-and-decisions/what-powers-does-mayor-have-planning>. You would be best suited asking the relevant local planning authorities to obtain the information you have requested.

Staff levels

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
48	54	47	47	43	61

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, ensuring that you quote the reference at the top of this letter.