Further to your Information request FOI63879, please find your questions and our response below:

**Questions:**

1. How many planning applications have been granted since 1 January 2007, which resulted in the development of land on the metropolitan green belt? How many applications are pending?

   Please provide a breakdown of these applications in an excel spreadsheet with the following information:
   - Date application submitted
   - Date application granted
   - Application number
   - The area, in hectares, of the site (and how much falls inside the green belt, if only part)
   - The location of the site, preferably using latitude and longitude (although other formats such as eastings/northings or a postcode would also be acceptable)
   - planned use of the site (commercial, housing, etc)

2. How many planning applications have been granted since 1 January 2007, which resulted in the development of any greenfield site? How many are pending?

   Please provide a breakdown of these applications in an excel spreadsheet with the following information (as above):
   - Date application submitted
   - Date application granted
   - Application number
   - The area, in hectares, of the site (and how much falls inside the green belt, if only part)
   - The location of the site, preferably using latitude and longitude (although other formats such as eastings / northings or a postcode would also be acceptable)
   - planned use of the site (commercial, housing, etc)

3. How many planning applications have been granted since 1 January 2007, which resulted in the development of any brownfield site? How many are pending?

   Please provide a breakdown of these applications in an excel spreadsheet with the following information (as above):
   - Date application submitted
   - Date application granted
   - Application number
   - The area, in hectares, of the site (and how much falls inside the green belt, if only part)
- The location of the site, preferably using latitude and longitude (although other formats such as eastings/northings or a postcode would also be acceptable)
- planned use of the site (commercial, residential, etc)

Response:

This is a section 17 refusal notice under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 invoking exemption S12(1) Exceeds the appropriate limit. We have been advised that the work required to compile the responses to your request would exceed 18 hours.

Each site is hand inspected and coded (sometimes with multiple land classifications covering different bits of the site so we have to break the site down into multiple components).

Your request would require us to extract all of the planning permissions where the site area overlaps with the Green Belt layer, then do an Access extract from Uniform to get the information requested. It would need to be sorted by hand which would provide the Green Belt answer. This would take approx. 8 hrs.

The brownfield / greenfield question is more difficult to answer. On 9th June 2010, PPS3 changed the definition of brownfield to exclude “Land in built-up areas such as private residential gardens, parks, recreation grounds and allotments, which, although it may feature paths, pavilions and other buildings, has not been previously developed”. So for all planning permissions granted after this date, where the actual area being developed is the garden part of the plot it is Greenfield, but where it is the house part it is brownfield.

For the permissions where it is a case of knock down 1 house and build a block of flats on a bigger footprint, it is difficult to determine whether that is Greenfield, brownfield, or a combination of both. Where a decision has not been made on the classification of that land, effectively our response is “We do not hold this information”.

To provide your response we would have to do the same as above but then effectively hand sort the information based on the current land use and visual inspection. (in excess of 10 hrs)

From the perspective of our GIS system we would need data on Greenbelt, Greenfield and Brownfield sites as well as access to historic revisions of these datasets back to 2007. We do not hold this information.

This concludes your request FOI63879.

If you require translation of the information you have been sent please do not hesitate the contact us.
If you are unhappy with the information we have provided in response to your request please write to:

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We are keen to hear about your experience with the Information Management Team here at the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and look forward to receiving any comments you have about the way your information request was processed.

Please send any feedback to the Information Management Team Manager either by e-mail martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk or in writing to the address above.

Yours sincerely

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