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Your reference:

Our reference: NIW 2425558

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Dear [REDACTED],

*Environmental Information Regulations 2004*

Thank you for your email of 13 February 2025 in which you requested the information below:

- *In August last year 19,000 applications for development of housing could not go ahead due to wastewater infrastructure. Would you be able to update me as to what that figure is now?*

As your query falls under the definition of a request for environmental information, NI Water is replying under the disclosure provisions of the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

NI Water can confirm that, by January 2025, this number had increased to 20,500 applications, following an increase in Developer-led demand in constrained catchments.

However, after the announcement of the Minister's £19.3m funding to release wastewater constraints, the number of applications in February 2025 has reduced by 2,500 applications to 18,000. (The allocation of the funds should not be taken to be per application; i.e., there is not a specific sum that can be attributed to each application. Rather, the funds are applied on a case-by-case basis according to each application's requirements and therefore vary per application.)

You have the right to request that NI Water formally review this response within forty working days of the date of this letter. If you wish to do so, please email [imu@niwater.com](mailto:imu@niwater.com) or write to NI Water Information Management Unit, IT Suite, Westland House, 40 Old Westland Road, Belfast, BT14 6TE.

If, after such an internal review, you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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