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Dear Ms Williams

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) request for information relating to building consents processed between 20 March and 29 September 2020

I am writing in regard to your LGOIMA request received 29 September 2020 requesting information relating to building consent processed between 20 March and 29 September 2020.

- 1 *How many residential building consents were applied for/approved/declined for each month over this period?*
Please refer to attached table. We do not record the number of declined building consent applications.
- 2 *The average wait time for a residential building consent to be approved?*
Please refer to attached table. Please note that we have taken the average wait time to mean average processing time.
- 3 *How the above numbers compare to the same period over the previous two years?*
Please refer to attached table.
- 4 *Any commentary about whether the COVID-19 pandemic had any impact on this year's numbers?*
Following a reduction in the number of building consent applications being received during the Level 4 lockdown, the 2020 numbers have recovered and are now comparable to 2019 volumes.
- 5 *Whether your Council has seen any change in application/processing numbers since everyone except Auckland entered level 2 and level 1, compared with the higher alert levels.*
The number of building consent applications over the past 4 months (June-September 2020) are higher than normal although this could be more about catch up following the reduction in applications received during the Level 4 lockdown.
- 6 *If the Council has implemented any specific processes or procedures to encourage more people to build residential properties given the current economic climate?*
Council has not implemented any specific processes or procedures.
- 7 *If the Council has any projections of how many building consents might be applied for in the coming year, please release this?*
Whilst there are no official projections, the Building Solutions Manager is predicting 2021 building consent application volumes between 2400 – 3000.

8 *If the government has provided any additional financial support to help your council in this area as a result of COVID-19?*

Council has received no additional funding.

I trust this answers your request.

Kind regards

Wendy Collard
Governance Support Officer

Dunedin City Council Building Services	Building Consents received 2018	Building Consents granted 2018	Avg processing time	Building Consents received 2019	Building Consents granted 2019	Avg processing time	Building Consents received 2020	Building Consents granted 2020	Avg processing time
20 - 31 Mar (inc)	91	79	12 days	89	113	12 days	47	41	15 days
Apr	234	265	11 days	237	207	12 days	141	155	12 days
May	339	338	10 days	275	268	13 days	205	227	12 days
Jun	273	236	10 days	233	210	15 days	291	225	9 days
Jul	233	293	12 days	266	289	14 days	308	299	10 days
Aug	272	245	11 days	235	226	15 days	296	272	12 days
1 -29 Sep (inc)	231	209	11 days	224	237	14 days	280	265	12 days