

Policy paper: Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund: List of projects

List of projects supported by the Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund.

May 2019 Transaction Data

In May:

- HM Land Registry completed 1,732,280 applications to change or query the Land Register
- the South East topped the table of regional applications with 390,642

HM Land Registry completed 1,732,280 applications in May compared with 1,682,690 in April and 1,723,578 last May, of which:

- 357,400 were applications for register updates compared with 326,712 in April
- 896,653 were applications for an official copy of a register compared with 900,402 in April
- 198,501 were search and hold queries (official searches) compared with 196,722 in April
- 19,228 were postal applications from non-account holders compared with 15,051 in April

Applications by region and country

Region/country	March applications	April applications	May applications
South East	394,377	390,282	390,642
Greater London	323,612	342,718	318,243
North West	207,148	184,671	203,002
South West	167,025	152,788	164,417
West Midlands	147,646	147,116	155,019
Yorkshire and the Humber	139,817	130,318	138,521
East Midlands	123,991	116,289	125,246
North	87,349	77,117	81,397
East Anglia	71,766	66,009	70,692
Isles of Scilly	52	40	89
Wales	81,275	75,271	84,932

Region/country	March applications	April applications	May applications
England and Wales (not assigned)	83	72	80
Total	1,744,141	1,682,691	1,732,280

Top 5 local authority areas

Top 5 local authority areas	March applications	Top 5 local authority areas	April applications	Top 5 local authority areas	May applications
Birmingham	27,727	Ealing	37,219	Birmingham	27,284
City of Westminster	24,089	Birmingham	25,660	City of Westminster	23,530
Leeds	22,015	City of Westminster	21,722	Leeds	20,600
Manchester	17,248	Leeds	20,362	Cornwall	17,452
Cornwall	17,232	Slough	18,637	Manchester	17,036

Top 5 customers

Top 5 customers	March applications	Top 5 customers	April applications	Top 5 customers	May applications
Enact	47,766	WSP Management Services Ltd	57,238	Enact	48,609
Infotrack limited	43,725	Enact	45,912	Infotrack Limited	46,242
Optima Legal Services	24,430	Infotrack Limited	42,935	O'Neill Patient	24,797
O'Neill Patient	24,345	O'Neill Patient	23,612	Optima Legal Services	24,643
My Home Move Limited	19,723	Optima Legal Services	22,671	My Home Move Limited	19,964

[Access the full dataset on data.gov.uk](https://data.gov.uk)

Next publication

Transaction Data is published on the 15th working day of each month. The June data will be published at 11am on Friday 19 July 2019.

New homes for adults with learning disabilities underway at Halifax County Court

Halifax County Court is being converted into 16 supported living apartments by Highstone Housing Association, who purchased the building from Homes England.

Ownership of the historic site was transferred from the Ministry of Justice to Homes England, who are providing the funding for the new properties through their affordable homes programme.

In addition to converting the existing 19th century court building, Highstone will add a new mezzanine floor in the roof space to create the apartments and a sleep room for support workers.

Dilys Jones, Head of Home Ownership and Supply for Homes England in the North East said:

“Our ambition is to ensure the public sector land and buildings we inherit support local plans and local ambitions.

“We’re pleased to see this historic building being brought back into use as much needed affordable homes that enable adults with learning disabilities lead independent lives at the heart of their community.”

It’s anticipated that work on the new apartments will be completed by Spring 2020.

Joanne Hawley, Director of Highstone Housing Association added:

“We are delighted to have acquired this iconic building in the centre of Halifax; an ideal location. Our aim is to provide bespoke accommodation of the highest quality, whilst maintaining the distinctive character of the county court.

“Highstone’s vision for the development sees the existing building revitalised to provide lifetime homes for its 16 tenants and a pleasant working environment for the support team.”

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Migration Advisory Committee welcomes salary threshold commission

On 24 June 2019, the government commissioned the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) to carry an in depth analysis of potential future salary thresholds and the range at which they could be set.

The Chair of the MAC, Professor Alan Manning, responded to the letter accepting and welcoming the commission.

The MAC is expected to produce their final report and recommendations in January 2020.

Chance for residents to give views on new homes for Medomsley

- Proposals for £25m development led by Homes England unveiled to public
- Local people invited to have their say

The first proposals for the £25 million development at Corbridge Road, Medomsley Edge will go on show at a public consultation event on Thursday 27th June.

The redevelopment is being led by Homes England, the government's national housing agency, who are working closely with Durham County Council to develop a masterplan for the site.

Following the consultation it's hoped an outline planning application for the scheme will be ready for submission by mid- summer.

Initial plans include provision for 150 two, three and four bedroom homes on the site, with the remaining land becoming public open space.

Phil Jones, Senior Development Manager for Homes England said:

"Medomsley is well located for local people commuting to Durham and Newcastle and the proposals for Medomsley Edge will help to create much needed, high quality homes in an area where they want to live.

"We look forward to revealing our vision for the development to the community and hearing their thoughts about the shape it should take."

Tom Baker, Associate Director for Savills who are working with Homes England

on plans for the site added:

“this scheme will deliver a positive use for a site which has been vacant for several years; providing new family housing which will support existing communities at Medomsley and Shotley Bridge whilst significantly improving the environmental quality and setting of the site. Previously developed sites of this scale are an important part of meeting housing needs nationally.”

The consultation event will be held at the Methodist Church Hall in Medomsley (situated on Fines Rd next to the ‘Top Shop’) between 3pm and 7pm on Thursday 27th June. Visitors will have the opportunity to view the plans for the development, speak to the project team, have their questions answered and share their feedback.

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