

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

I should be grateful if you would provide me with the following information in respect of each domestic boiler installation reported to the Council pursuant to the Building Control Regulations 2000 for the period from 1 January 2010 to date:

Address where the boiler was installed

Make of boiler installed

Number of boiler installed

Date of boiler installation

For the avoidance of doubt, I do not wish to be provided with the name of the householder where the boiler was installed.

ANSWER

There are three ways in which a boiler notification could be made

1. Part of a Building Regulation application to LCC Building Control.

Being part of a Building Regulation application the council would have to check the records of each domestic application to see if a boiler was part of the work and there are around 600 – 700 domestic applications PA.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for local government is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending more than 18 hours in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the information on the scale that you have requested would require looking at over 600 records at approximately 10 minutes per record = over 60 hours to process your request.

This part of the letter is therefore a Refusal Notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act, because under the provisions of section 12.1 of the Act, the Council estimates that to comply with your request in its current form will exceed the appropriate limit.

2. Notification to the Local Authority of proposed work by a private Building Control service provider.

In respect of the private BC provider the council would have no knowledge of a boiler being part of the proposed work.

The Council does not hold this information. Therefore this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

3. Notification via Gas safe competent persons scheme.

Although the council gets notified of every boiler installed under the competent persons scheme, this only provides us with the address of the installation. However, as we have received over 17,000 notifications since 2010 and would have to examine each of these, this part of the letter would be a Refusal Notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act, because under the provisions of section 12.1 of the Act, the Council estimates that to comply with your request in its current form will exceed the appropriate limit.

You might be able to get more information relating to your query if you contact Gas safe directly:

Tel 0800 408 5500

enquiry@gassaferegister.co.uk

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

**Information Governance Manager
Information and Customer Access
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**

e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such

request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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