

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:

- 1. Prior to the privatisation of the RM what charges were levied by (if any) on RM for the siting of street furniture on the public highway. Please indicate one off and annual payments per unit of street furniture and the global total.**
- 2. Following the privatization of the public utility RM, please indicate:
A - revised charges implemented or to be implemented. (itemised as per 1. above).
B - If no charges are to be levied on the privatised RM, indicate under which law or council decision exemption was given.**

ANSWER

The Council does not levy charges through the planning process. If planning permission is needed for their infrastructure (see mention of pouch boxes below), there will be a planning application fee. This applied before privatisation as well as after it.

Standard post boxes are straightforward Permitted Development and the privatisation should not affect that.

Ten years ago Royal Mail introduced "pouch boxes" fixed to the side of the standard box for "posties" to pick up a second bag of mail half way through their round.

These needed planning permission and the council received many applications. The last was received in 2005.

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Information and Customer Access

Leicester City Council

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