

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'm conducting some research on UK parking. Please could you provide responses to as many of the following questions as possible?

ANSWER

Leicester City Council does not store this information by month basis so we would have to look through each case individually. 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.

We estimate it will take many hours to process your request. Even if this is calculated at just a minute looking at each case you can see how many thousand we would have to look through, for example for the first year in question one this would take over 608 hours.

Therefore we are providing answers on a yearly basis unless otherwise stated.

- 1. On a monthly basis since the start of 2012 please provide the number of Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued by/in your local authority**

2012: 36,518

2013: 34,531

2014: up to 22/02/2014 5248

- 2. On a monthly basis since the start of 2012 please provide on a monthly basis the number of Excess or Standard Charge Notices issued by/in your local authority (please state if you do not issue these types of notices)**

N/A

- 3. On a monthly basis since the start of 2012 please provide details of the total amount of revenue due from Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) and/or Excess or Standard Charge Notices by/in your local authority**

2012/13: 1,096,570

2013 to date: 584,689

4. On a monthly basis since the start of 2012 please provide details of how many Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) and/or Excess or Standard Charge Notices were successfully appealed against/in your local authority

Appeals for Penalty Charge Notices

2012: 21
2013: 14

5. How many different types of on-street parking control signs do you have in operation? (such as – *‘Free parking for all vehicles from Monday to Saturday between 8 am and 7 pm, with a 20-minute time limit’* or *‘Parking for holders of permit "A2" only, from Monday to Saturday between 8 am and 6 pm’*)

A total of 40 double or single yellow line no waiting and/or no loading restrictions, or limited waiting (e.g. free parking for 1 hr between 9.30 and 4pm, Monday to Saturday) parking restrictions.

A total of 11 types of: disabled parking (3), ambulance parking(1), taxi rank parking(3), doctor parking(1), motor cycle parking(1) or loading only parking (2) bays.

15 types of designated pay and display or residents’ only parking bay.

3 Bus Stop Clearway and 1 school entrance zig-zag restriction.

6. On a monthly basis since the start of 2013 please state the number of parking bay suspensions in operation:

Jan: 5
Feb: 4
Mar: 3
Apr: 4
May: 3
Jun: 4
Jul: 4
Aug: 5
Sep: 5
Oct: 5
Nov: 5
Dec: 8
Jan: 10

7. On a monthly basis since the start of 2013 please state the number of NJUG/LJUG Utilities suspensions in operation:

Jan: 0
Feb: 0

Mar:	0
Apr:	0
May:	0
Jun:	5
Jul:	1
Aug:	0
Sep:	0
Oct:	0
Nov:	0
Dec:	0
Jan:	0

8. On a monthly basis since the start of 2013 please state the number of yellow line suspensions in operation:

Unfortunately the council are unable to provide information on this as more specific details are required regarding which areas of Leicester you require this for. There are various reasons for such suspensions, for example utilities work could also have taken place. Please remember to quote the reference number above when you contact us with this further information.

If you no longer wish the Council to consider your request it would be helpful if you let us know. Should you not respond to this part of the letter by 6th May 2014, the Council will close your request as allowed by law.

9. On a monthly basis since the start of 2013 please state the number of trade permits issued

The provided information is from 2013 to 22/02/2014: 221

10. On a monthly basis since the start of 2013 please state the number of trade permit requests declined

This information is not held by the council as the customer would be given help/advice in obtaining a permit or about parking in general if they are a tradesperson.

As the Council does not hold this information 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

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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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