

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:

Would like to request the following information with regards to the Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) that fall under your jurisdiction in Leicester City Council.

- **What is the total area covered by your local authority (in square kilometres (km²))?**

ANSWER: Please click on link below for the above information:

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/council-and-democracy/city-statistics/other-statistics/area-of-the-city/>

For your information this letter constitutes a refusal notice under Section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because an exemption under Section 21 of the Act is being applied, namely the information is accessible by other means, the Council Website.

- **What is the total population in your local authority?**

Please click on link below for the above information:

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/council-and-democracy/city-statistics/other-statistics/historical-interest/other/population-statistics/populationsince1801/>

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- **What is the exact area (in km²) covered by the AQMAs in your local authority?**

In 2000, the Council declared an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) covering the city centre as a whole, with 'ribbons' extending along the main radial and peripheral roads. AQMA covers an area of around 4.456 sq. km and estimated residential population of the area is approximately 3% of the city's population. The original AQMA was extended in 2008 (following a Detailed Assessment of NO₂ in 2007 for the Abbey Lane corridor) to include 102 residential properties on Abbey Lane on the northbound carriageway.

A map of AQMA in Leicester (AQMA area coloured in blue) is attached.

The legislation allows you to use the information supplied for your own personal use, or for journalistic purposes. If the information is a dataset (which does not relate to the environment), you may also use the information for commercial re-use under an [Open Government Licence](#).

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

Information Governance Manager
Information Governance Team
Leicester City Council
9-15 Princess Road West
Leicester
LE1 6TH
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.

You may also seek independent advice from the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider requests until the internal appeals process of the Council has been exhausted. You are therefore advised to appeal to the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.