

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - FIREWORKS**

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

### **You asked:**

- (i) Details of sites that are registered to store fireworks up to 250kg in 2010.**
- (ii) Details of sites that have a license to store more than 250kg up to 2000kg of fireworks in 2010.**

The Council does hold this information which is normally available by inspection on a public register, but it is currently exempt under S31(1)(a) Law Enforcement. Disclosure of the information would be likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. Following the recent civil unrest it is the Council's view that disclosure of information relating to the storage of explosives would be likely to prejudice prevention and detection of crime at this time. The police have expressed similar concerns.

If such information were disclosed to the public at the present time, there is a heightened risk that such details could be used for unlawful purposes. Criminal activity in this case would pose a risk of injury to individuals and damage to property. There is a strong public interest in avoiding likely prejudice to the prevention of crime, where members of the public could be the victims of crime.

Disclosing the requested information may cause the inefficient use of Council resources and those of the police in the prevention and detection of crime and therefore affect their ability to protect residents.

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

**Head of Information Governance  
Information and Support**

**Leicester City Council**  
**FREEPOST (LE985/33)**  
**New Walk Centre**  
**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**  
e-mail: [foia@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:foia@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 can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

**Information Commissioner's Office**  
**Wycliffe House**  
**Water Lane**  
**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**  
**Telephone: 01625 545 700**  
[www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider appeals or complaints until the internal appeals and complaints processes of the public authority which is answering the request have been exhausted. You are therefore advised to complain or appeal to Head of Information Governance before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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**Head of Information Governance**