

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 would like to know

- **How many passages are adopted by the council district**
- **How many properties they are accessed by**

ANSWER

Leicester City Council has a legal duty to hold a List of Streets, which includes details of all highways which are maintainable at public expense. The List of Streets does not recognise the term 'Passage' as used in this request, it does however, record all footpaths (a definition of footpath is given with the List of Streets) which are maintainable at public expense. The List of Streets is a public document and an up to date copy can be found at the following address:

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/transport-traffic/transportpolicy/listofstreets/>

It is likely that some of the footpaths recorded within the List of Streets do provide access to individual properties.

City Streetz map is available via the Council's website and the number of properties accessed can be determined from this.

http://citystreetz.leicester.gov.uk/leicester_internet/CityStreetz%20web%20page.htm

The List of Streets does not record any private paths which may exist to serve groups or individual properties.

- How often they are swept/cleaned

Frequency of cleaning depends on the amount of litter generated each day. The area cleaning team will adjust their cleaning visits to meet demand, so a walkway used by shoppers near shops or school children near schools will attract a higher frequency of cleaning due to the volume of foot traffic.

- If the cost is recovered from the occupants who share access

Street Cleansing services do not recover costs directly from householders for any walks or passages on their schedules of cleaning.

- If they have a gate installed

Footpaths within the List of Streets with gates would have to be subject to a gating order undertaken via section 129A to G of the Highways Act 1980. To date only one such gating order has been undertaken by the council, details of which can be found at the following address:

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/transport-traffic/transportpolicy/gating-orders/>

- Postal Code

These can be sought via the City Streetz map for properties. Highways, footpaths, etc. do not, themselves, have postcodes.

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

Information Governance Manager

Information and Support

Leicester City Council

FREEPOST (LE985/33)

New Walk Centre

LEICESTER LE1 6ZG

e-mail: 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.

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Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

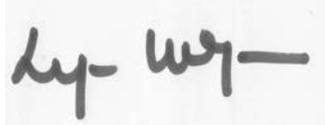
Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider 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 the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Lynn Wyeth
Information Governance Manager