

Thank you for your email of 18th March 2012 where you requested information about Gypsy and Traveller sites. You asked the following:

All of the LCC owned sites around the City that were assessed and the reasons for them either being successful and unsuccessful using the necessary criteria. I would also request the dates of these assessments.

This information is now available on the Council's website at: <http://www.leicester.gov.uk/gypsyandtravellersites/>. The exact date of each assessment is not recorded on the assessment sheet but all assessments were carried out between June and September 2011.

The City Mayor has extended the consultation period until July 13th and has published details of the 350 potential sites online. He has also asked the Council's Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Commission to look at the proposals, to ensure the widest possible consideration has taken place.

If you have any difficulty accessing the website then, an information pack can be posted to you. Please let me know if you require an information pack in hard copy.

In the brochure supplied to Birstall residents page 4 shows three photograph examples of illegal occupancy of land by Gypsy / Travellers, Again, under FOIA I would request where and when these photographs were taken.

In relation to the photographs they are representative of the type of encampments we get in Leicestershire and Leicester City - one is Lag Lane Melton, one is Hepworth Road, Blackfordby and the final one is on an industrial estate in Hinckley. They have all been taken in the last 3 years but the precise dates were not recorded and this is information not held.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

**Information Governance Manager
Information and Customer Access
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
e-mail: foia@leicester.gov.uk**

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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

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

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