

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:

What are the total number and type of the occupied properties and what are the council tax bandings of the said same properties on the Meynells Gorse Travellers site.

ANSWER:

There are 21 double-pitched residential plots at the Meynells Gorse site, all of which are occupied and are Band A for Council Tax.

What are the financial outstanding payments for council taxes, rent and water and electricity for the year 2011 for that site and what exactly has been done to collect any outstanding debts.

Council Tax - £351 is outstanding from the 2011/12 Council Tax only. Recovery action is being taken, including instructing bailiffs and seeking liability orders so the Department for Work and Pensions can deduct arrears from benefit.

Rent – The total arrears exceeding one week's rent at the end of March 2012 were £1,146. The Council does not hold records that analyse this by the financial year in which the arrears arose. The Council does not hold this information. Therefore this 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.

The recovery action includes issuing enforcement notices and considering court action, together with attending the site to collect arrears and set up payment agreements.

Water – The total arrears at the end of March were £2,830. The Council does not hold records that analyse this by the financial year in which the arrears arose. The Council does not hold this information. Therefore this 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.

Plots are currently at various stages of action against their Licence. Three plots are due to go to court, others have made payment agreements so the arrears are reducing and the Site Managers are chasing payments from residents on a daily basis.

What also are any outstanding debts on that site for the years 2009 and 2010.

Council Tax - £367 is also outstanding from 2010/11.

Rent – arrears at the end of 2010/11 were £972 and 2009/10 £544.

Water - arrears at the end of 2010/11 were £1,966 and 2009/10 £1,290.

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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

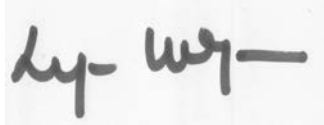
Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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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