

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:

In relation to the current proposals for 3 new authorised Gypsy and Traveller encampments in Leicester, and because you could not get to the public meeting/s;

1. What Peter Soulsby said at the meetings

Copies of the minutes of the public meeting arranged by Leicester City Council and attended by Peter Soulsby, City Mayor have been made available online and have been accessible for some months now. I have enclosed a copy of all the documentation that has been published in relation to the matter for your information, of which the minutes of the public meeting that took place at the Leicester Leys Leisure Centre are included.

2. What Planners or Officers were present

Details of the Officers in attendance at the meeting are available in the minutes that have been provided.

3. What the Council Officers said.

Details of any comments made by Officers at the meeting are also available in the minutes that have been provided.

4. What alternative sites were considered and why they were rejected.

Details of the other sites that were considered by the Council and why they were rejected is outlined within the enclosed documents.

5. What your environmental assessment says about the sites.

Comments on the biodiversity value of the 8 shortlisted sites can be found in the full assessment document which has been provided. I have also enclosed a clarification note on biodiversity which should be read alongside the site assessment document. A full environmental assessment of any sites taken forward will be undertaken before any planning applications are submitted.

6. How many objections have you received so far.

So far we have received approximately 1500 responses to the consultation, in addition to numerous letters and request for information. We have not conducted a detailed analysis of the full range of enquiries and responses received but will do so once the consultation has concluded.

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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

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