

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Travellers

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

You asked:

I would like a detailed list of the other 347 sites and want to know why, when we already have one site in the area, they cannot be elsewhere.

This information is already available on the Council's website for general viewing and I have provided a copy of the relevant documents with this response. Should you wish to access the documents electronically they can be found at <http://www.leicester.gov.uk/gypsyandtravellersites/>.

I would like to know how much it costs to keep clearing the debris they leave behind, the police force etc. to move them on, for the last 5 years.

Dealing with illegal travellers is the responsibility of a Leicestershire County Council Multi Agency Unit (MATU). Leicester City Council makes a funding contribution to this agency along with the County and District Councils to cover staffing and running costs. Whilst the City Council still cleans up any traveller sites where necessary and incurs the costs, they are not separately identifiable. The legal costs associated with eviction are met by MATU.

The costs that we are aware of are:

2008/09 - £35,822.16 which includes legal costs & clearing up costs

2009/10 - £21,639.41 which includes legal costs & clearing up costs

2010/11 - £1,534.06 which includes clearing up costs

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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.

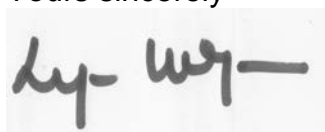
You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

**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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

**Lynn Wyeth
Information Governance Manager**