

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 am currently undertaking a research project as part of a master's degree in Applied Acoustics at the University of Derby . I am looking at noise assessment methodologies used for predicting noise from Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) with the aim of developing criteria that would be of use to local authorities and would appreciate it if you could answer the following questions on behalf of your authority. Please be as detailed as you can where possible but any answer you can provide will be useful to my research.

- 1. Does your local authority have specific criteria for the assessment of noise from MUGAs under the new/old planning regime or for nuisance investigations? If so, what are they?**

ANSWER

No.

- 2. Do you recommend that conditions relating to noise control be attached to any planning permission granted for MUGAs within your area?**

No, unless when the Council is consulted about planning applications, noise officers believe they are necessary i.e. if the MUGA is adjacent to residential. Conditions that have been added in the past are hours of use e.g. 08.00 – 21.00 daily (see spread sheet attached, 1658 Attachment).

If so, are these specific to MUGAs? Please give examples if possible.
Conditions would not be specific to MUGAs.

- 3. How many MUGAs do you have in your area? Where possible, please give planning application references and/or location details.**

See spread sheet attached, 1658 Attachment.

- 4. Have you received any noise complaints about MUGA facilities in the last 5 years?**

There is not a specific code on the database for this type of complaint, therefore the council does not hold this information. 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.

- If yes, how many?**
- What were the main noise sources being complained about? e.g. kicking of the ball, people, impact noise?**
- How many of the complaints were substantiated?**
- Have any complaints led to noise abatement notices, planning enforcement or legal proceedings?**

Other questions (non FOI but your answers would be really appreciated)

1. Would an assessment methodology and/or criteria and noise limits specifically for MUGAs be useful to your authority?

No.

2. Do you agree to being contacted to discuss your responses further?

If so please provide contact details below.

No.

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Information Governance Manager

Information and Support

Leicester City Council

FREEPOST (LE985/33)

New Walk Centre

LEICESTER LE1 6ZG

e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

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Wycliffe House

Water Lane

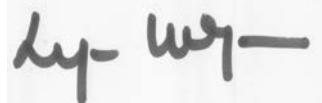
Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "lynn wyeth".

Lynn Wyeth
Information Governance Manager