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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1168

I write further to your email dated 27 April 2020.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Your request:

I would like to know about your authority's role in enforcing coronavirus 'lockdown' restrictions in the 5 weeks since 23 March 2020.

I would like to know -

1. Please state whether your local authority has closed any public spaces or rights of way in response to the lockdown (for example, beach or beauty spots, car parks near beach or beauty spots, footpaths, public parks). Please state the public space that was closed and the reasons for closure.

We only closed the play areas and equipment within the Parks to help stop the spread of the virus, all parks have remained open apart from one that we closed for a short period due to none compliance to the Governments self-distancing guidance at the start of the outbreak, this is now open also.

2. Whether your authority has issued fines for Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) since 23 March, to enforce the lockdown (for example, enforcing PSPOs against standing in groups, or using PSPO dispersal powers). Please give the number of PSPO fines issued and the offences for which they were issued; and the number of any dispersal orders issued.

No/Nil.

3. Whether any CPNs have been issued since 23 March (for example, requiring someone to stay in their property). Please give the number and nature of CPNs issued, if possible including the CPN text.^[1]_[SEP]

No/Nil.

4. Whether local authority officers are patrolling to enforce lockdown measures contained in the 'Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations 2020' or the 'Coronavirus Act'. Please give the number and nature of local authority officers patrolling (for example, street wardens); and details of any fines/interventions.

All Parking Wardens were stood down immediately once lockdown was announced, there has been no patrols since and no penalty charge notices issued.

Other officers are responding daily to reports of none compliant businesses and undertaking visits as and when appropriate. To date Officers have only had to offer advice to businesses.

5. Please state if the local authority has empowered any private security companies to enforce during the lockdown, for example to fine people for PSPO violations. Please state the company involved and whether any fines have been issued by this company.^[1]_{SEP}
No, we have not/no plans to use this approach.

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If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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