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I write further to your email dated 09 July 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 am writing with regard to information about your street naming and numbering policy, please treat this as an EIR request or in so far as you think it is not please treat it as an FOI.

1. House Numbering - Do you control/regulate the numbering and naming of all houses in the district or only on certain streets, or is this policy the responsibility of another authority in your district?

2. Street Naming - Which of the following legislation, or otherwise, do you use to control street naming;

The Towns Improvement Clauses Act 1847 clause 64

The Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907 clause 21

The Public Health Act 1925 clauses 17-19

3. Sign Boards on New Streets - With regards to the cost of putting up street sign boards on new streets, does the Council pay for the erection of sign boards or does the Council require developers pay for the name boards.

4. Changing Street Names - With regards to changing the existing name of a street:

If you use The Public Health Act 1925 c15 do you put any restriction on the number of people in the street who must approve the name change?

If you use the Public Health Amendments Act 1907 c21 what majority of residents is required to change a name, is a majority of residents also required if the Council plans to change a street name

5. Council Resolution - Do you have a copy of a resolution of the Council by which it has applied or withdrawn the provision of the Public Health act 1925 c17-19 (per Local Government Act 1972)

Our response:

1. North West Leicestershire District Council is responsible for the naming and numbering for properties in the district.

2. The legislation used for street naming and numbering is:
 - The Towns Improvement Clauses Act 1847 clause 64 & 65
 - The Public Health Act 1925 clauses 17-19
 - The Leicestershire Act 1985 Part 3 Section 19
3. It is the developers responsibility to ensure a street sign is erected on an new development. The Council maintains the signs from then onwards.
4. On rare occasions it may be necessary to re-name or re-number a street. This would only be done as a last resort and residents of the affected street would be consulted and their views taken into account. At least a two thirds majority would be required to make the change
5. Decisions regarding street naming and numbering are not taken by Council. They are dealt with through delegated powers. The Council does not have an example of where any of the mentioned provisions have been withdrawn. We can however provide an example of where section 18 of the act has been applied. I have attached a copy of said order if this will be of any assistance.

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Yours sincerely

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