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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1555

I write further to your email dated 26 March 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:

- 1. In the past three years, please state the total number of planning applications received by your council relating to dropped kerbs:
 - 2018/19
 - 2019/20
 - 2020/21
- 2. Over the same timeframe, please state the total number of these applications that were approved:
 - 2018/19
 - 2019/20
 - 2020/21
- 3. Over the past three years, how many investigations have you made into driveway developments that had not been granted planning permission?
 - 2018/19
 - 2019/20
 - 2020/21
- 4. Over the past three years, how many investigations have you made into dropped kerb developments that had not been granted planning permission?
 - 2018/19
 - 2019/20
 - 2020/21

Our response:

I can confirm that we hold the information you have requested. However, complying with this request would exceed the cost limit of £450. Where we estimate that complying with a request will cost in excess of £450 or 18 hours of officer time we will refuse this request under section 12 of the FOIA.

In this case, not all applications are just for dropped kerbs, they can be embedded into an applications for wider schemes. Therefore, to find the requested information we would be required to manually

search each application over the last three years to see whether the application contained a dropped kerb. This would take a significant amount of time and as such we will refuse this request under section 12 of the FOIA.

I would suggest that in this case you may find the information you require by visiting our planning portal and searching for 'dropped kerb' and 'vehicular access'. The data you request can be found here: https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/view_planning_applications

Since such information is already available on our website it is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the FOIA and we are not required to conduct this information.

The supply of information in response to a freedom of information request does not confer the right to re-use the information. UK copyright law allows information supplied for the purposes of private study and non-commercial research to be used without permission. Information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting except for in the case of photographs.

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If you are dissatisfied with the information supplied please feel free to contact me on the number above for any queries in relation to this response. Please note that in responding to further enquiries I can only comment on the information contained within this correspondence and cannot provide any further information that may pertain to an additional FOIA request.

Please remember to quote the Authority's four digit reference number given at the top of this email in any future communications.

If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the above informal review, you have the right to ask for an internal review. A request for a review whether formal or informal should be submitted within two calendar months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to DPO@NWLeicestershire.gov.uk or the address above.

Further details on our appeals and complaints procedure can be found on our website here.

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

Mackenzie Keatley Information Governance Officer