

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000080
Date 29 April 2016

Parking Violations

Request:

Please supply a breakdown of fines for parking violations on the roads on which Schools are located within Wolverhampton.

Please breakdown, by location, year/month, number, fines paid, fines outstanding.

Following careful consideration, the Council regrets to inform you that it has decided not to disclose this information.

Information you have requested has been withheld from disclosure. The exemption engaged is Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

Section 12 of the FOI exempts Public Authorities from providing information where the estimated cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit. Any estimate must be undertaken in accordance with the limits set in fees regulations made under Section 12 (5) of the FOI.

These Fees Regulations (SI 2004/3244 Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations) allow for a refusal where the cost of compliance, for local authorities such as the Council, would exceed £450. As a guide, staff time to identify and extract this information is charged at a rate of £25 per hour.

In summary to provide the information you have requested it would take us several days to compile as we do not record the level of detail you have requested and therefore we would have to look at each school (of which there are 120) and the roads around the area of that school and then carry out a search of the information you have requested.

In estimating the cost of complying with a request for information, an authority can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:

- “(a) determining whether it holds the information,*
- (b) locating the information, or a document which may contain the information,*
- (c) retrieving the information, or a document which may contain the information,*

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and

(d) extracting the information from a document containing it”.

However, if you would like to rescope your question we can then hopefully provide you with some information on this subject eg., data for contravention 48 - parking on zig-zags at schools.