

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002098
Date 19 March 2018

Parking Restrictions in Malins Road and Greenly Road

Request:

1. What was the catalyst that started Wolverhampton City Council to be 'concerned for road safety in the surrounding area of St Teresa's Catholic Primary Academy'? [See below.](#)
2. A copy of all written communications from non-council officials, including the Head of St Teresa's Catholic Primary Academy and Councillors requesting that Wolverhampton City Council consider parking restrictions for Malins Road and Greenly Road as a safety issue for students walking to and from school prior to letters being sent to residents; [See below.](#)
3. A copy of all written communication or the provision of other evidence between 'concerned local residents' and Wolverhampton City Council for the 'safety of children travelling to and from school along roads surrounding St Teresa's Primary Academy' as detailed in the letter signed by Amanda Millard dated 13th July 2016; [See below.](#)
4. A copy of all written communications between Councillors and Wolverhampton City Council regarding safety issues for students walking to and from school prior to the proposal for parking restrictions in Malins Road and Greenly Road prior to letters being sent to residents; [See below.](#)
5. A copy of all written communications between Councillors and Wolverhampton City Council detailing what proposals, including any other proposals, were considered and the decisions made prior to letters being sent to residents; [See below.](#)
6. A copy of the letter Wolverhampton City Council sent to residents in April 2015 explaining the 'proposals' for Malins Road and Greenly Road; [See below.](#)
7. What information was communicated if any by the Councillors in April 2015 to Wolverhampton City Council who were delivering leaflets regarding the councils 'proposals' by the four local residents who talked to them about their concerns? [See below.](#)
8. Why were the two promised meetings, agreed by Councillors, for residents, Councillors and Council officials to discuss the proposals for Malins Road and

Greenly Road not organised to allow residents to raise their concerns despite the fact that it was raised on numerous occasions? [See below.](#)

9. What actions did Wolverhampton undertake under the 'Traffic Management Act 2004' to consult with the public regarding the proposals for Malins Road and Greenly Road prior to the decision being made to paint the yellow lines? Please provide a copy of all communications in whatever form that Wolverhampton City Council had with the residents, local businesses, highways authorities and the local police and their response to your proposals; [See below.](#)
10. Why did Wolverhampton City Council consider the painting of yellow lines on Malins Road and Greenly Road a 'last resort' in contravention of government instructions? What other proposals were considered and discounted regarding safety of students going to and from school and for what reasons? Please provide copies of minutes of evidence that all proposals were considered, decisions made and by whom? [See below.](#)
11. A copy of the minutes of all meetings where the proposals for parking restrictions for Malins Road and Greenly Road were discussed and decisions made; [See below.](#)
12. A copy of the minutes of all meetings including Committee meetings where both petitions presented by the residents of Malins Road and Greenly Road were considered, discussed and decisions made; [See below.](#)

13. A copy of the minutes of the Petitions Committee of the 11th September 2015 regarding Malins Road and Greenly Road to include all discussions and decisions;

[We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following link:](#)

<http://wolverhampton.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=151&MId=4875>

[Section 21\(1\) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.](#)

[You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>](#)

14. A copy of minutes of the discussions and decisions made by the Cabinet Member of the City Environment on the 20th July 2017 not to consider the objections of the 'two written objections' plus a petition from 100% of the residents of Malins Road and Greenley Road as detailed in the letter signed by Ms Millard dated 5th October 2017; [See below.](#)

15. A copy of the notice published in the local newspapers for the proposals for parking restrictions in Malins Road and Greenly Road; [See below](#).
16. What discussions/decisions/action have taken place to repair the footpaths in Malins Road and Greenly Road raised in my letter dated 20th November 2017? [See below](#).
17. What action is Wolverhampton City Council taking to address the 'Statutory Nuisance' now suffered by the residents of Malins Road and Greenly Road caused by Wolverhampton City Council by the introduction of the parking restrictions now in force? [See below](#).
18. Minutes of any meetings by Wolverhampton City Council officials to consider and decisions made for my proposal to block off Greenly Road via New Street; [See below](#).
19. A copy of all minutes where Wolverhampton City Council has 'explored in some detail' the possibility of alternative access to St Teresa's Primary Academy where it has been stated that it is 'not straight forward or possible to achieve as a solution at that time or currently' as detailed in your 'Stage 2' letter dated 5th March 2018; [See below](#).
20. The cost of painting the parking restrictions in Matins Road and Greenly Road; [See below](#).

Your request for information has now been considered and the City of Wolverhampton Council is not obliged to supply the information you requested for the reasons set out below.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires City of Wolverhampton Council, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states the fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies:

In relation to your particular request, the following exemption applies:

Section 12 - Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

We can confirm that the Council holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 allows a public authority to refuse a request if the cost of providing the information to the applicant would exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information.

The Regulations provide that the appropriate limit to be applied to requests received by local authorities is £450 (equivalent to 18 hours of work). 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,*
and
- (d) Extracting the information from a document containing it.*

For the purposes of the estimate the costs of performing these activities should be estimated at a rate of £25 per hour.

The information appertaining to your request is not easily accessible and as such this information is not held as a distinct set able to be retrieved or reported on. To get the information would require a full scale look into all individual records. This would be a manual exercise and as such we believe that the aggregated time it would take to collate the information would be in excess of 18 hours (equivalent to a notional cost of £450).

Excess cost removes the City of Wolverhampton Council's obligation under the Freedom of Information, however under Section 16 – (the duty to provide advice and assistance, the Council may be able to provide answers to the request, should you wish to submit a refined request.