



## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Bus Lane Contraventions***

#### **Request:**

I am writing to find out the following information:-

- 1) How many bus lane contraventions have taken place in the bus lane on Wolverhampton Road (heading towards Wednesfield) since the cameras have been active?

Our records refer to the Traffic Regulation Order which applies to both inbound and outbound contraventions.

We can advise that 10,626 PCNs have been issued to date on Wolverhampton Road inbound and outbound.

- 2) How many have appealed against their PCN?

We are unable to provide details of the appeals made by this specific location only. To do so would require the manual opening of every appeal case record.

We can advise that 96 appeals have been received to date for all bus lane Penalty Charge Notices in Wolverhampton.

- 3) For those who have appealed - what are the main grounds of appeal?

In response to your request, we can confirm that 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.

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In summary, we cannot easily gather this information via a report as it is not held centrally. In order to determine the information you have requested, we would need to manually interrogate each case file. This would be a manual exercise to locate, determine and extract information and as such we believe the aggregated time it would take to collate the information would be in excess of 18 hours (equivalent to a notional cost of £450).

If you can narrow down your request the Council will look into the matter again and may be able to provide the information free of charge because it would cost less than the appropriate limit to do so. Any reformulated request the department receives from you will be treated as a fresh FOI request.

- 4) How many appeals has the council rejected since the cameras were enforced?  
Appeals are heard by an independent adjudicator not the Council.