

CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
C O U N C I L

## Response to Request for Information

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Date            5 February 2016

### ***Parking on Pavements***

**Request:**

1) How many TROs have been introduced by the council since 1 January 2011, With reference to question 1, 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 would exceed the appropriate time limit of 18 hours as we would have to carry out a manual inspection of our registers from 1 January 2011.

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”.*

and

How many of those were implemented to restrict vehicles from parking on pavements or verges.

Four Permanent Controlled Parking Zones to restrict pavement/verge parking were introduced in 2012.

Please break down your responses to questions 1 and 2 by

- a. Year, and
- b. Type of TRO (experimental, permanent or temporary).  
Please see above,

2) The estimated average cost of introducing

- a. Experimental, permanent and temporary TROs  
The Council does not introduce experimental TROs  
Average cost of permanent TRO's is £8,000  
Average cost of temporary TRO's £2,500  
(both excluding officer time).

- b. A TRO on pavement parking  
£8,000

3) Provide details of one example TRO on pavement parking, including location, extent, consultation and implementation dates and a breakdown of costs.

THE WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL (PENN) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) (AMENDMENT NO 1) ORDER 2012. Sealed and came into force on 24/09/2012. This order applies to pavements and grass verges on Warstones Road and Oxbarn Avenue, Penn. Consultation would have been carried out as for all permanent TRO's via advertisement in local press, on street notices and letters to residents.

With reference to question 3 where you ask for the breakdown of costs, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

4) The number of complaints the council has received from members of the public about pavement parked vehicles per year since 1 January 2011.  
From 01/01/11 to 01/03/16 we received two formal complaints both of which occurred in 2014.