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Your ref:
Our ref: **RFI-2015-0562**

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Dear Mr Bell

Request for information: RFI-2015-0562

Your request for information about section 215 notices has now been considered. The information held by the Council relevant to your request is set out below:

In each of the last 5 calendar years and in the year to date (reporting each year separately):

a) How many complaints has the Council received in respect of properties where one potential response to the complaint would be the issue of a section 215 notice or the issue of a warning letter prior to the issue of a section 215 notice

2010	20
2011	12
2012	13
2013	8
2014	5
2015 (1st Jan to 31st Aug 2015)	2

b) How many warning letters were the Council minded to issue
Warning letters issued to those where a notice was served.

c) How many warning letters were issued

2010	9
2011	1
2012	3

2013	1
2014	1
2015 (1st Jan to 31st Aug 2015)	2

d) How many section 215 notices has the Council issued

2010	1
2011	2
2012	0
2013	0
2014	1
2015 (1st Jan to 31st Aug 2015)	0

e) Of those section 215 notices issued, how many have been appealed
None

f) What is the current status of the section 215 notices issued (resolved/outstanding/appealed/ etc)

The Council holds no details on further monitoring.

g) What is the Council's budget in respect of section 215 notices for each year and what was the expenditure actually incurred for each year

There is no separate budget for Section 215 Notices. The budget for Planning Enforcement is part of another budget.

h) How many days of officer's time has been taken up considering and dealing with section 215 notices and consideration of matters where a section 215 notice may be an appropriate response

There is no record kept of time spent on Section 215 Notices.

i) Was the issue of section 215 notices subject to the Scheme of Delegation for each of those years, and if so, to whom was the power to issue section 215 notices delegated

Our scheme of delegation sets out how we normally deal with different types of applications. You can view this as part of the Council's Constitution (May 2013) on our website at:

<http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/constitution/>

j) Has the Council at any time in committee or sub-committee debated or considered its policy on section 215 notices and could you provide copies of any minutes where a section 215 notice is mentioned

The Council holds no formal minutes regarding this.

Please provide a copy of the Council's currently agreed policy on section 215 notices and the date and copies of the minutes of the meeting where this policy was adopted.

There is no policy on Section 215 Notices.

Please provide a copy of the Planning Enforcement register for each of the last five calendar years and the year to date.

Please find attached a copy of the Enforcement Notices Register.

This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you have any further queries or concerns about the information provided please do not hesitate to contact us. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, starting the day after the date of this letter, we will consider the request closed.

If following our response to your query you are still dissatisfied you have the right to request an internal review. This will be conducted by the Director of Safety or the Deputy Chief Executive who have not been involved with the request or complaint until this point. Should you wish to proceed to this stage please advise us quoting the reference number at the top of this page.

Should you be dissatisfied with the outcome of any internal review to the Council you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office, details of which can be found on the Information Commissioner's website www.ico.org.uk/

More details of this complaints process are available to view on our website at the following link: www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/yourcouncil/makingarequestforinformation/accesstoinformation-complaintsprocedure/

There is no charge for making an appeal at any stage.

Yours sincerely

David Clarke

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clarke', followed by a period. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Information Governance Officer