

Our ref: 4217869
24 January 2019

Mr Carroll

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Account reference:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear Mr Carroll

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Birmingham City Council. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

Request

I would like to request the following information with reference to the recent Birmingham Mail article.

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/dog-owners-warned-potentially-harmful-15558207>

(i) Please disclose if any Birmingham City Council staff have remit to or have been given permission to lower water levels in Brookvale Park, either on an ad hoc basis or within the last year. Which officer of the council grants such permission?

(ii) Please disclose if any individual, club or organisation have remit to or have been given permission to lower water levels in Brookvale Park, either on an ad hoc basis or within the last year.

(iii) To the City council's knowledge, has any external authority have remit to lower the water levels at Brookvale park and may have done so within the last year?

(iv) Please disclose internal emails between Council officers within Parks/Highways/drainage and any other organisations in connection with the recently reported bird deaths at this site, and also the lowered water levels at the lake. I include in this any discussions to raise the water levels at the lake to prevent further deaths.

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Response

“(i) Please disclose if any Birmingham City Council staff have remit to or have been given permission to lower water levels in Brookvale Park, either on an ad hoc basis or within the last year. Which officer of the council grants such permission?”

No change in water levels has been undertaken by any officer. Any decision to change the water level at Brookvale would be determined collaboratively by drainage officers and the District Park Manager.

“(ii) Please disclose if any individual, club or organisation have remit to or have been given permission to lower water levels in Brookvale Park, either on an ad hoc basis or within the last year.”

Birmingham City Council has never given permission for the water levels in Brookvale Park to be lowered.

“(iii) To the City council's knowledge, has any external authority have remit to lower the water levels at Brookvale park and may have done so within the last year?”

The environment agency might have reason to change water levels to facilitate inspection of downstream structures, but we are not aware of any such action within the last year.

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Please find these in the attached document.

Please quote the reference number 4217869 in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days from the date this authority issued its initial response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF.
Telephone: 01625 545 700
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Place FOI

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