



Information Governance

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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI323047257

Thank you for your request for information relating to cost and purpose of wooden gate installed at Coundon Hall Park.

Your request and our responses are shown below:

1. Please provide the total costs incurred (purchase & installation) of the large heavy wooden gate installed near to the lake in Coundon Hall Park - installed in 2019 or 2020 along with some wire fencing. Please state the purpose of this gate?

We can advise that the gate referred to in the request was ordered with 85m of stock fencing. Together, including supply and installation, the fence and gate cost £2,160.

We can advise that the back of the pond is intended to be closed off to everyone except authorised personnel. The field gate should be locked at all times.

2. The gate is non-accessible for wheelchair and mobility scooter users. Was an impact assessment carried out to determine the effects it would have on park users who are disabled? If so, please publish a copy of it. The Equality Act 2010 clearly states that physical barriers should not be erected that impact negatively on disabled people. This gate does not form part of the perimeter of the park. If you believe that this gate is exempt from the Equality Act 2010 please state why.

N/A. We can advise that the back of the pond is intended to be closed off to everyone except

authorised personnel. The field gate should be locked at all times.

The banks of the pond were planted with various species which due to excessive trampling have barely survived. In order to protect the plants that remain and to restrict erosion and other damage by people and dogs using the pond - but recognising that people and animals like to have access to the water - an area of the pond has been left with unrestricted access. Both ends of the pond have been fenced off however, along with the side of the pond that borders the care homes. The field gate is intended for maintenance use only. Unfortunately the padlock and chain used to keep the field gate locked have been removed several times but will be replaced again as soon as possible.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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