



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

ABSOLUTE EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS / INFORMATION

Ref no: FOI 16/1134

Applicants Name: Laura Harding

Date of Request: 24th October 2016

Information sought: I request the raw data set of parking tickets - both on and off-street - issued in the name of Caerphilly Council within the last twelve-month period (I am happy for this to be either financial year or calendar year) broken down by: date, time, location, officer ID and gross income generated by parking fines. I would like to know how many of the tickets are outstanding, how many were appealed and how many of those appeals were successful. Please supply this as either xls or csv (spreadsheet) formats. Ideally I would like the location unit to be 'street' but if this is not practical then under your section 16 duty to advise and assist I would expect you to contact me to discuss how you record this Geo-spatial data so that I may narrow my request in a way that works for both of us. I would also ask that you provide detail about the recording processes of this parking information. E.g. what software is used? What data fields are used and what other data sets it links to etc. If the data schema is the easiest way of providing this data then I would be happy to receive that as part of your response.

Under the powers delegated to me by Caerphilly county borough council and having considered representations made to me by officers and third parties whose interests appear to be potentially affected or prejudiced, I have made the following decision:-

Absolute Exemptions applying to the Information Sought

Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, the disclosure of information which is classified as personal data in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998.

Case for Absolute Exemption

Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act provides an exemption for information which is the personal data of any third party, where disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles contained in the Data Protection Act (DPA).

Under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the identity of Parking Officers would fall within the definition of 'personal data' in section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998, as the information relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data. The disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle – fair and lawful processing.

This is an absolute exemption and is not subject to the public interest test.

Extent of Exemption


The identity of Parking Officers are exempt.

Authorised Officer

Name: Gail Williams

Position: Principal Solicitor, Interim Head of
Legal Services & Monitoring Officer

Signed:



Date:

3rd November 2016