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Dear Sarah Knight

Thank you for contacting Buckinghamshire Council and your request for information regarding road closures and quietways.

This request has been handled under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Please refer to our response below.

Response:

1. Does Buckinghamshire Council receive any funds and/or monetary incentives for closing local roads and/or creating "quietways"?

No financial incentives are / have been received for quietways specifically. The Council can bid for external funding for active travel (cycling/walking) improvements, which could include future quietway routes. These are set out as proposals in the applicable Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

2. Who are these funds received from?

Subject to a funding application, the active travel (cycling/walking) funding generally comes through the Department for Transport (DfT) via Active Travel England.

3. Under what initiative are roads being closed and "quietways" installed?

No specific initiative. The only two 'point closures' we have implemented in Buckinghamshire were introduced on a trial basis as part of the DfT's Emergency Active Travel Fund in 2020. The roads remain accessible for non-motorised traffic.

4. How many road closures/quietways has Buckinghamshire Council agreed to create under this initiative?

Two (as above), which have since been made permanent following local public consultation.

5. How are the road closures and/or quietways identified for implementation?

In response to the Emergency Active Travel Fund in 2020 several schemes were identified to trial 'point closures'.

Under the Environmental Regulations 6(1)(b) the public authority shall make information available 'unless the information is already publicly available and easily accessible to the applicant'

For further information – please view:

[Emergency walking and cycling schemes due to coronavirus | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

6. Who is providing the planters and signage to facilitate the road closures and/or quietways?

We do not have a specific supplier. The planters and signage we have installed were sourced through the Council's highways contractors.

7. Has the provider of these planters and signage been subjected to a public tender process? If the answer is yes, please provide evidence.

N/A.

Please quote the reference number 3337385 in any future communications.

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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Cheshire SK9 5AF.
Telephone: 0330 123 1113
Website: www.ico.org.uk

We will now close your request as of this date.

With kind regards

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