

Our Ref: IR 17/21

Address Correspondence to: Jane Orange, Information Governance

Date: 24th September 2021

Dear Mr Ryan

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000 Internal Review

I am writing to you in relation to your recent and previous correspondence under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In particular this letter is in relation to your request for an Internal Review to be conducted by the Canal & River Trust in relation to your initial request response.

I am employed by the Canal & River Trust as an Information Governance Advisor, and I have been asked to provide an independent review of the response provided to your initial request for information, which you submitted on 24/08/2021

In the process of undertaking this review, I can confirm I have given consideration to:

- Your initial request, received 24/08/2021;
- The original Canal & River Trust response, provided to you on 25/08/2021 by Joshua Fellows, Information Governance Administrator; *And*
- Your reply to that response, which we received on 16/08/2021.

I have initially reviewed your request for validity under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I can confirm that I am satisfied that your request is valid under Section 8 of the FOIA and therefore requires considering as a valid request by the Canal & River Trust.

As a valid request under the FOIA, the Canal & River Trust is required to ascertain what, if any, information is held which is relevant to your request; whether confirming or denying the holding of information is in itself harmful; and whether there are any exemptions to disclosure which are potentially engaged. If there is potential engagement of any exemptions on disclosure, then consideration of any applicable harm and/or public

interest test may be required to be undertaken. All of the above areas have been considered as part of my review into this case and your response to these points.

Outcome of Review

Having reviewed your internal review request where you stated:

My request was specifically for London as opposed to "London & Southeast", and I would like to know the exact figure as far as is possible. Your current response uses a very round number (3,000) which appears to be either a rounding up or down;

During March 2021, there was a total of 3,000 boats registered as "continuous cruisers" (boats without a home mooring) sighted on the London & Southeast regional waterways.

I can confirm that the figure of 3,000 within the area of London & South East regional waterways is an exact figure and was not rounded up for your response.

Further, I note that you would like the information specifically for the area of London and not the region as previously provided.

For the km lengths of waterways within the Greater London boundary (the combination of the 33 London Boroughs) there were 1706 boats without a home mooring sighted in this area during March 2021.

Conclusion

Having reviewed your request for internal review and the initial request and response I can confirm that I believe the above further information will satisfy your request, I apologise for any inconvenience caused. If you are still dissatisfied, you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner, details on how to contact can be found here: <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>, who will give it consideration.

Yours Faithfully

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