

Our ref: 8384925
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Ryan Underwood
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Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Dear Ryan Underwood

This request is being handled under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Request

"I wish to see a manifest of all the refuse bins, including recycling bins if possible, within Birmingham city centre and their subsequent location whether coordinates or otherwise.

I am curious at to the distribution of recycling bins available to the public, in comparison to black landfill bins. It seems that many shops in the city centre sell drinks and food within recyclable bottles and packaging however this material ends up in landfill due to the scarcity of available recycling bins."

Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and some of the information you requested is not held by Birmingham City Council. Therefore regulation 12(4)(a) applies to your request. Regulation 12(4)(a) provides an exception to the duty to disclose information when information is not held.

I have detailed below the information that is held.

Birmingham City Council does not hold a current manifest of street refuse bins in the city centre, our refuse collection officers visit every street in the city centre and empty the bins as required therefore we do not hold this information. It should be noted that we only use refuse bins, no street recycling bins are provided in the city centre.

The majority of all residual waste produced in Birmingham is processed through an Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) located within the city, rather than being sent to landfill. Waste is processed through the plant, creating green electricity. The electricity is then fed into the National Grid to help support fuel needs, with the plant producing enough electricity to

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power up to 55,000 homes. Ferrous and non-ferrous metals are separated out at the ERF and then further screened and separated at the Incinerator Bottom Ash processing facility. Landfill is used as a last resort, with Birmingham City Council sending only 10% of all municipal waste collected to landfill.

Please quote the reference number 8384925 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:

Corporate Information Governance Team
PO Box 16366
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Email: infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk

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 faithfully

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