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Dear Mr. Williams

Thank you for your request for information received on 25 January 2019.

Your request

I have noted that in their latest list of members the BPA (British Parking Association) lists yourselves:

<https://www.britishparking.co.uk/BPA-Members>

The BPA is not a highly regarded organisation by many motorists and seen as ineffective in regulating the private parking operators who make up the bulk of its membership; MPs in the House of Commons have also echoed these concerns.

Therefore, can you please provide the following information about your membership:

- The date you first become a member.*
- The reason for becoming the member.*
- How it benefits your residents by being a member.*
- Benefits received by being a member of the BPA.*
- The annual costs for being a member of the BPA..*

Our response

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and some of the information you requested is not held by Hammersmith and Fulham.

1. The date you first became a member?

2. The reason for becoming a member?

The information is not held for Q1&2. We estimate that we have been a member of the BPA for over 10 years and unfortunately none of our records go back as far as this. We have searched all of our folders for the terms BPA or British Parking Association membership and this information was not found. The folders contain Financial reports, minutes, letters and emails to and from the teams within Parking Services. Financial records are only held for 6 years and other records for less than this.

3. How it benefits your residents by being a member?

Again, this information is not held. We have searched all of our folders and information was not found where such opinions are expressed probably again, due to the length of time since our membership commenced (over 10 years ago).

4. Benefits received by being a member of the BPA

Information in respect of the benefits received by being a member of the BPA falls into the following exemption of

Section 21 (information accessible via other means)– The BPA publishes its membership benefits and so this information is readily available to the public online already at the following link:

<https://www.britishparking.co.uk/Join-the-BPA/Member-Benefits>

5. The annual costs for being a member of the BPA

Band 5 £1,794 +VAT

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Yours sincerely

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