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Letter via email  
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## **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Dear Sophie Mason

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Birmingham City Council. I have enclosed copies of the information that is being released to you.

### **Request**

Dear Birmingham City Council,

Civic Voice, the national charity for the civic and conservation movement is campaigning to put public participation at the heart of the planning system. With this in mind, I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. Can you confirm how long, in minutes, a community group such as a Civic Society is permitted to speak at your local council's Planning Committee? (By 'Planning Committee' we mean your local authority's committee of elected members which determines planning applications. It may be known by a different name in your local authority).
2. Is there a limit on the number of registered speakers permitted to speak at your Planning Committee? If yes, please specify the maximum number of speakers allowed.
3. Is there a limit on the total time allowed for registered speakers? If yes, please provide details of the time restriction.
3. Are your Planning Committee procedure rules publicly available online? If yes, please provide the web link.

Yours faithfully,

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Sophie Mason  
Finance and Administration Officer  
Civic Voice...

**Response**

Please find attached a document confirming all the information you require regarding committee meetings.

Please quote the reference number 8322425 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:

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PO Box 16366  
Birmingham  
B2 2YY  
Email: [infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk)

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The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF.  
Telephone: 01625 545 700  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Kelly Gould  
Senior Service Improvement Officer

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