

Housing

Town Hall,
Hornton Street,
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FOI Reference: 845297
Email: xxx@xxxx.xxx.x
Date: 24 January 2019

Ms Rachael Venables

Dear Ms Venables

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your recent request to the Council. You asked to be provided with the following information:

I'd like a list of items confiscated from people suspected of being homeless or rough sleeping in your authority in the last five years (1st Jan 2013 - 31st Dec 2018). Can you date each confiscation, alongside the details of the items, and the location from where they were removed.

If this is possible, I'd also like a full list of the anti-homeless, hostile architecture that you are aware of having gone up in the authority in the same time period. Can you divide that information by calendar year, including:

- details of the device (e.g. spikes in spots where homeless people often sleep, metal bars, sprinklers etc.)*
- location*
- whether planning permission was needed or granted*
- the cost, if that cost was met by the council*

Response

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

I am writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by Royal Borough Kensington and Chelsea.

The Council have never confiscated items from the homeless or rough sleepers, we will only remove items with the expressed permission of the owner or when items have been abandoned.

Please quote the reference number 845297 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 two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Information Management Team
The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
The Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8 7NX
Email: xxx@xxxx.xxx.xx

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 sincerely

Information Management Team