

Saturday 14th March 2015

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Dear Sir/Madam

Following a recent Freedom of Information (06-03-15) request to Newcastle-Under-Lyme Borough Council regarding the costs of developing Gypsy and Traveller sites within the Borough I was informed that the existing permanent traveller site within their borough belongs to Staffordshire County Council. Therefore, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 please could you provide me with following information pertaining to the cost to Staffordshire County Council in developing and maintaining Permanent and Transient Gypsy and Traveller sites within the County.

Please send me:

- Examples of the average costs for the Government or County Council to acquire land upon which to build Gypsy and Traveller sites. I do not require the exact details of specific land acquisitions as I appreciate this information may be commercially sensitive; however I would like an average indicative cost for acquiring land upon which to develop a permanent or transient site.
- A full economic breakdown of the cost of building a permanent Gypsy and Traveller site, please provide examples of the costs to build/develop the most basic and the most elaborate permanent site
- Details of how much each caravan, Gypsy or Traveller pays for their stay on a permanent site or transient site.
- Details of who is responsible for maintaining permanent or transient sites and who pays for its upkeep.
- Details of the annual maintenance costs of a permanent and transient site for Staffordshire County Council.

I would like the above information to be provided to me in either paper or electronic format.

If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me within 7 working days as I understand that under the Act you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of
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this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs.

If the release of any of this information is prohibited on the grounds of breach of confidentiality, I ask that you supply me with copies of the confidentiality agreement and remind you that information should not be treated as confidential if such an agreement has not been signed prior to the date of this request.

I understand that under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that you are required to respond to my request for this information within 20 working days of receipt of this request. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,