From: <u>Foi Enquiries</u>

To:

Subject: EIR-17-1553 - Health & Safety at Work Act 1974

Date: 15 November 2017 08:59:49

Attachments: Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf

EIR-17-1553 - List of HS Notices.pdf

Dear ,

Thank you for your information request of 24 October 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

• Health & Safety at Work Act etc. 1974 - S21 & S22

We would be obliged if you can provide us with the following details in regards to notices/Orders that have been made by Aberdeen City Council under the legislation listed above:

Notices or Orders that remain extant as at 24th October 2017

It is not possible to provide details of all extant notices as these may be subject to ongoing enforcement action including reports to the Procurator Fiscal

Notices or Orders that have been complied with and have monies owed to Aberdeen City
 Council as at 24th October 2017

Not applicable

 Notices or Orders that have invoices pending in respect of works carried out by or on behalf of Aberdeen City Council to resolve the matter as at 24th October 2017
 Not applicable

If it is not possible for the details of outstanding monies to be confirmed we would be obliged if you can provide us with the following details:

• all notices served or orders made by Aberdeen City Council, from 28th March 2017 to 24th October 2017 under the legislation listed above

Please find attached a list of relevant notices served and complied with within the period. Information on notices that have not been complied with have been excluded as these will be the subject of ongoing enforcement action including reports being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. Information on notices served which have not yet expired have also been excluded as there is the potential for ongoing enforcement action including reports being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

When answering in the negative to any of the above, we would be obliged if you would confirm that you are doing so.

Wherever possible we would be grateful if the information could be prepared to include the following:

- reference numbers.
- addresses of the subjects the actions are served over.

- summary descriptions of the nature of the works/contravention.
- relevant dates.
- status of the action.
- amounts owed to the council (when available).

ACC is unable to provide you with information on ongoing enforcement notices as it is excepted from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 13 of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Regulation 10(5)(b) – Course of Justice – of the EIRs.

In making this decision ACC considered the following points:

Where an officer has assessed that a business has not complied with enforcement notices, this is routinely reported to the Procurator Fiscal Service for consideration for prosecution. Therefore disclosure of notices that have not been complied with may impact upon the administration of justice. Notices which are still within the time period for compliance, may not be complied with and therefore disclosure may impact on the administration of justice as above.

An official appeals mechanism exists for enforcement notices. An appeal may result in the notice being overturned or amended. Disclosure of this information at this time may impact upon the actions of the Procurator Fiscal, on the defendant and upon the courts, causing harm to the judicial system and the ability for all parties to receive a fair trial.

The likelihood of these notices going to the Procurator Fiscal if not complied with is high. As such, the potential for harm to be caused by premature release is also high.

Whilst ACC recognises that releasing information regarding establishments that have not complied with enforcement notices may assist consumers making an informed choice, it is felt that the release of this information will inhibit our ability to conduct a fair and thorough investigation and may affect the course of justice detrimentally.

On this basis, ACC considers that information regarding ongoing enforcement notices is excepted from release into the public domain under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster
Information Compliance Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information

(Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

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Notices served under Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 – Section 21 [for period 28th March to 24th October 2017]

							Disposal
Serial Number	Name	Address	Contravention	Date Served	Expiry Date	Disposal	Date
	COLIN'S						
I/11/17/VDO	TYRES	Farburn Terrace	HSAW S 2[1], LOLER Reg 9 [3]	21-Apr-17	15-May-17	Complied	08-May-17
						Changed	
		100 Holburn				Ownership	
I/13/17/VDO	CAFE ROZA	Street	Electricity at work Regs - Reg 4]	23-May-17	30-Jun-17	before Expiry	28-Jun-17
		100 Holburn	HASAWA Section 2[2]; Electricity at				
I/13/17/VDO	CAFE 100	Street	Work Regs, Reg. 4	23-May-17	30-Jun-17	Extended	28-Jun-17
		100 Holburn	HASAWA, 1974 - Section 2[2]; EAW			Direct Action	
IN/VDO/270617/02	CAFE 100	Street	Regs - Regulation 4	28-Jun-17	30-Jul-17	Taken	03-Aug-17
	CHINA	218-222 George					
IN/ACG/290617/2	CHINA	Street	HSAW S 3[1], HSAW Reg 1992	18-Jul-17	18-Aug-17	Complied	18-Aug-17

Notices served under Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 – Section 22 [for period 28th March to 24th October 2017]

							Disposal
Serial Number	Name	Address	Contravention	Date Served	Expiry Date	Disposal	Date
	CUMIN						
	TANDOORI /	401-405 Union	HSAW S2 P1 Par2D, S3 Par1, LOLER				
P/5/17/NID	TIGERS BAR	Street	Reg 9 par 3	07-Apr-17	N/A	Ceased Trading	10-Oct-17
	CUMIN						
	TANDOORI /	401-405 Union	HSAW S2 P1 Par2D, S3 Par1, LOLER			Direct Action	
P/6/17/NID	TIGERS BAR	Street	Reg 9 par 3	07-Apr-17	N/A	Taken	12-Apr-17
	QUARTERDECK		HASAWA Sec 2[1] and 3[1]; Control			Direct Action	
P/AND/030617/1	BAR	Blaikies Quay	of Asbestog Regs Reg	03-Jun-17	N/A	Taken	14-Jul-17
	QUARTERDECK		HASAWA Sec 2[1] and 3[1]; Control			Direct Action	
P/AND/030617/2	BAR	Blaikies Quay	of Asbestog Regs Reg	03-Jun-17	N/A	Taken	14-Jul-17
	QUARTERDECK		HASAWA Sec 2[1] and 3[1]; Control			Direct Action	
P/AND/030617/3	BAR	Blaikies Quay	of Asbestog Regs Reg	03-Jun-17	N/A	Taken	14-Jul-17
	QUARTERDECK		HASAWA Sec 2[1] and 3[1]; Control			Direct Action	
P/AND/030617/4	BAR	Blaikies Quay	of Asbestog Regs Reg	03-Jun-17	N/A	Taken	14-Jul-17
	CUMIN						
	TANDOORI /	401-405 Union	HASAWA - Section 2 and 3; LOLER -				
HSP/NID/170417/1	TIGERS BAR	Street	Reg 9	23-Aug-17	N/A	Ceased Trading	10-Oct-17