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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EIR-17-1950 - Auchmill Bus Lane  
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**Attachments:** [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 27 December 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

**What are the hours of operation of the bus lane that is in Auchmill Road, Aberdeen?**

The bus lane on Auchmill Road is operational at all times.

**When and where were the following made;**

**a. Where Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has first set the rate of charge that is to apply within its area?**

On the 4th October 2012 Aberdeen City Council's Finance & Resources Committee approved to set the level of charge for civil enforcement at £60 and to instruct officers within Enterprise Planning & Infrastructure to write to Scottish Ministers to seek approval for this, as per statutory requirements.

**b. the Scottish Ministers have approved those rates? and**

Yes.

**c. it has published in at least one local newspaper circulating in its area a notice specifying— (i) the circumstances in which a charge may be imposed? (ii) the rate of the charge?**

This information is not held by Aberdeen City Council. As the order was made by Transport Scotland, they can provide this information.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **it has published in at least one local newspaper circulating in its area a notice specifying— (i) the circumstances in which a charge may be imposed? (ii) the rate of the charge** as it is not held by the Council. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(a) - Information Not Held - of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it. ACC is required by Regulation 10(1)(b) of the EIRs to inform you as to why in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining this exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information to you. ACC is satisfied that it does not hold this information and considers that, as there is no information held, the public interest lies with the exception.

Transport Scotland can be contacted at:

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/freedom-of-information/>

**The arrangements made by ACC in discharge of the following?**

**Each approved local authority is to make available, at all reasonable times, free of charge and in a form which is readily accessible to any member of the public, information about the level of the charge for the time being in force in its area.**

The charging information is available on the ACC website by searching for “bus lanes” or at the following link.

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/roads-transport-and-parking/bus-lanes>

The information could also be made available to any member of the public by phone or in person. The information would be provided free of charge.

As **the level of the charge for the time being in force in its area** is otherwise accessible on our website at the link provided above, it is exempt 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 6(1)(b) - Information Already Publicly Available - of the EIRs.

**In relation to the bus lane cameras on Auchmill Road, Aberdeen; when and where were the cameras confirmed that they met the requirements of an approved device for the purposes of section 44 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 (civil penalties for bus lane contraventions)?**

Letter to ACC from Transport Scotland of 16 May 2013.

**What and where is the independent national standard clock to which the cameras on Auchmill Road, Aberdeen have been suitably synchronised?**

Clock is synchronised by satellite. This is a continuous process.

**With regard to the bus lane camera on Auchmill Road, Aberdeen, what is its accuracy expressed in seconds (plus or minus), over a 14 day period?**

1 second accuracy at all times.

**With regard to the bus lane camera on Auchmill Road, Aberdeen, in the period 1 November 2017 to 30 November 2017, on what days/dates were the cameras re-synchronised to the suitably independent national standard clock identified above.**

The system is continuously reviewing and synchronising time using satellite linkages. Any faults notified to the camera causes the recording process to stop until problem is rectified.

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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