

Foi Enquiries

From: Foi Enquiries
Sent: 24 August 2018 10:26
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-18-1149 - Air Quality/Electric Vehicle
Attachments: V2 - Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf; EIR-18-1149 - Completed Questions for Primary Authorities.doc

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 31 July 2018. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Complete the attached Freedom of Information Request (10 'Local Authority Questions')

Please find enclosed document ref: [EIR-18-1149 – Completed Questions for Primary Authorities.](#)

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Salomeh Kheyri Rad
Information Compliance Team

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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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION QUESTIONS

Question 1: Please state the name of the Authority?

Aberdeen

Question 2: Please state approx Population in your district?

228,800

Question 3: Do you currently have any public on street/ car park electric charging points in your district? YES or NO, If so how many?

Yes, under Council control we have 56 public and a further 19 that serve car club vehicles (which can be used by members of the public). There are many more non-Council ones in the area too. Please see: <https://www.zap-map.com/>

Question 4: Do you have any Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) designated? YES or NO, if yes please state how many?

Yes, we have three.

Question 5: Have you received any funding or grants to install Electric Vehicle Charging Points?

Yes.

Question 6: Does your Authority have a current policy for electric vehicle charging points and associated infrastructure?

ACC Local Transport Strategy contains a specific objective - To facilitate the uptake of ultra-low and low emission vehicles as a contribution towards improving air quality in the City. More details on page 41 of the following link:

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Local%20Transport%20Strategy%20%282016-2021%29.pdf>

ACC Local Development Plan Transport and Accessibility supplementary guidance also contains EV charge point standards for new developments. More details are on page 2 of the following link:

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/sites/default/files/5.1.PolicySG.TransportAccessibility.pdf>

As the current policy for electric vehicle charging points and associated infrastructure is otherwise accessible through the above web link, 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 this part of your request under the terms of Regulation 6(1)(b) - Information Already Publicly Available - of the EIRs.

Question 7: If electrical charging points are installed in your District, are these used on a regular basis? Please comment if known?

Yes, most of our charge points link up to a back office provider, provided by Charge your Car as part of the Chargeplace Scotland network. For the public and car club ones, between August 2017 and July 2018 they were used just under 20,000 times.

Question 8: If charging points are installed and are not used on a regular basis, what are the reasons you believe contribute to this lack of use/ requirement? Please Comment.

ACC is unable to reply to this question as it is not relevant to any recorded information.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **if charging points are installed and are not used on a regular basis, what are the reasons you believe contribute to this lack of use/ requirement** 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.

To provide support and assistance, we recommend you redirect your question to pi@aberdeencity.gov.uk where an appropriate officer will provide a response.

Question 9: Do you believe that more incentives should be introduced from central government to attract more consumers to buy electric vehicles?

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Question 10: What incentives do you believe will attract more consumers to buy electric vehicles? Please Comment:

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