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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EIR-17-0142 - Street Lighting  
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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 23 January 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

**Under the freedom of information act can I ask for the following information:**

**1. How many street lights is/was your council responsible for?**

**A) 2010** - 32,010

**B) 2017** - 32,235

**2. Does your council switch-off street lights for a period of time during the night? If so, how many lights are switched off?**

No street lights are switched off totally.

**3. Does your council dim street lights for a period of time during the night? If so, how many lights are dimmed?**

Yes, 1,880 lights are currently dimmed.

**4. Is your council planning to switch off or dim street lights in the future?**

No plans to switch off street lights but more dimming will be implemented.

**If so, a) how many? and**

No specific numbers available meantime but new installations are being installed with electronic gadgetry which will allow them to be dimmed in the future.

**b) when?**

At this time we have no defined timescales.

**5. If your council dims or switches-off street lights for a period of time during the night, how much money does this save annually?**

Annual savings meantime are approximately £17,500.00.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **how many street lights will be dimmed in the future and when that will occur** 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.

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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