From: <u>Foi Enquiries</u>

To:

Subject: EIR-17-0844 - Aberdeen Roads

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

Dear

Thank you for your information request of 14 June 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

We would like to (and hereby do) make an Information Request that we be provided with a copy of the List of Public Roads for roads within the council boundary

ACC is unable to provide you with a list of public roads 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(4)(b) – Manifestly Unreasonable - of the EIRs.

ACC is of the view that providing the information requested would require a disproportionate amount of time and the diversion of an unreasonable proportion of ACC's resources away from its Roads department.

In order to extract this information, the list of adopted roads, footways and verges would need to be printed out (a huge amount of data). From this list, each item would need to be searched on the electronic system 'Confirm' and all relevant details extracted and recorded on a blank Word document or Excel spreadsheet. This step would need to be completed for each item on the original list. There may be parts of each road or footway which are not adopted by ACC and this would also need to be noted and referenced in order to provide the information. It is also possible that map screen shots would need to be provided to show exactly the area which ACC adopts.

Searching 1 item and extracting all details (not including noting parts that are not adopted by ACC) would take approximately 10 minutes. The list is extensive so as little as 200 items on the list would take around 33 hours, plus extra time for including maps and breaking down areas not adopted within certain streets/roads.

It is estimated that to extract the requested information would require a team of at least 5 officers, however only 1 officer in the Support Assistant Team has the skill, knowledge and time to carry out the work to provide the requested information. This 1 officer is the only person processing claims for the roads department and therefore the time involved would mean that this officer would have to devote a significant amount of time away from their day to day work.

Responding to this request would take the team away from their normal roles would seriously impeded their other duties. However, ACC would be happy to discuss ways in which you may refine your request, so we can provide some information of interest to you. Please do contact the Information Compliance team, who will be happy to advise you, if this is something you would like to pursue.

Yours sincerely,

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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