

From: FOI
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To
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Dear

Thank you for your request for information about legal advice surrounding proposals to introduce exemptions to the Nuthall Bus Plug for local residents.

I realise that this response is now being provided outside of the usual timescale for provision of information requested under the Freedom of Information Act, and I apologise for this. However when information disclosures are subject to a Public Interest Test, the Information Commissioner does allow the Local Authority to extend the timescales to enable this test to be conducted.

I hope that the information remains relevant to you and that the delay has not caused you any difficulties.

Legal advice is exempt from disclosure under S.42(1) of the Freedom of Information Act

S.42(1) is a qualified exemption subject to a public interest test.

We have therefore considered whether it is in the public interest to disclose this information and in considering this we have concluded the reasons against disclosure outweigh the benefit of disclosure.

Contravention of a bus lane is not only a civil offence enforceable by this Authority, but it is also a criminal offence enforceable by the police. As such, it is essential that communications between lawyer and client are of the utmost candour, and that any information that is released does not prejudice the administration of justice and as such, legal professional privilege should be maintained and these advices not disclosed.

I hope that you find this information to be helpful, however if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, then please email us at foi@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference NCC-048746-20 and we will be happy to review your request.

With kind regards

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