



Reference: FOI 1102

Request:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST: TYNEMOUTH LONGSANDS TOILETS

I would like to request the following information within the time scales required by the FOI timescales.

- (1) As part of the planning application for Crusoe's and The View what were the requirements for the takeover and running of the two former Council-toilets. Did the businesses have a duty to maintain the facility.
- (2) If so what are the actual operating times of the toilets as I have yet to discover either of them open.
- (3) Could I request the planning agreement document relating to the granting of the business in terms of maintaining toilet services.
- (4) Why are toilet facilities always maintained at Fish Quay, Cullercoats and Whitley BAY BUT NOT AT Longsands which has a much greater footfall in terms of visitors

Response:

Except for questions 1, 2 and 3, question 4 is not a request for information as per section 8(1) of the FOI Act. Question 4 of the request above, is posed as a question of the Council so falls outside the remit of the Freedom of Information regime. The Council therefore has no obligation to respond to question 4 under the Act and this part of the request is therefore refused.

Regarding the other questions the Council replies as follows:

A planning condition was attached to the application for The View to restrict the use to cafe, takeaway kiosk and public toilets. There are planning conditions controlling the opening hours of the cafe and kiosk but none restricting the toilet opening times. Requirements relating to the maintenance of the public facilities were linked to the sale/lease of land.

The Lease states:

Subject to and conditional upon the Landlord complying with its obligations under clause 10 the Tenant shall provide public lavatory facilities suitable for disabled as well as able bodied persons and maintained in accordance with the standards reasonably set out by the Landlord within the part of the Property shown edged in red and hatched black on the Plan during such hours as may be reasonably stipulated by the Landlord from time to time having regard to the needs of the public.

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