

Reference: FOI4134

Request:

How many Penalty Charge Notices (PCN) have been issued by officers of North Tyneside Council (or designates authorised to carry our parking enforcement under the direction or control of North Tyneside Council) over the last five years at Cliffords Ford Moat in North Shields for the following breach:

'Parked in a special enforcement area adjacent to a foot way, cycle track or verge lowered to meet the level of the carriageway' (Contravention Code 27).

I would be grateful if the above figures could be broken into relevant years and the financial amounts the infringements have generated be supplied too.

The following number of penalty charge notices have been issued for contravention code 27 at 'Cliffords Ford Moat, North Shields'

2017-123

2018 - 125

2019 - 177

2020 - 188

2021 (01 Jan - 19 Aug) - 160

Parking Control's Notice Processing management software does not include a report that provides a breakdown of the income received to date from these specific penalty charge notices. This information could only be retrieved by interrogating the case folder of each of the individual penalty charge notices. This extent of data analysis could not be undertaken within the appropriate limit prescribed under FOI legislation.

Therefore, this part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fess) Regulations 2004. In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributed to officer time involved in complying have been taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the regulations, which equates to 18 hours of officer time.

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I would also be grateful if you could supply the costs borne by North Tyneside Council for responding to FOI's over the last five years (based on estimated average costs per FOI request).

This information is not held. Staff time spent dealing with requests is not recorded. Due to the nature of FOI requests, they could be answered by one member of staff very quickly or could involve a number of staff and take may hours.

The Act does place a cost limit on requests for local authorities of £450.00 per request, which equates to 18 hours of officer time.

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