



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-01554

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Issue of Parking Tickets

Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information.

I have today decided to:

- disclose information in response to questions 1 and 3 in full; and
- fully exempt information in response to question 2 pursuant to the provisions of Sections 38 and 40 of the Act.

Question 1

How many parking tickets for parking within 15 metres of a junction have been issued to vehicles parked at where Lorne Street meets or intersects Tates Avenue, Donnybrook Street, Melrose Street, Edinburgh Street and Lower Windsor Avenue in the six months ended 31 March 2011.

Answer

Please see the list below which details the number of tickets for parking within 15 meters of a junction issued to vehicles parked in the above mentioned streets in the six months ended 31st March 2011.

Donnybrook Street – Nil tickets issued
Edinburgh Street – Nil tickets issued
Lorne Street – 9 tickets issued
Lower Windsor Avenue – Nil tickets issued
Melrose Street – Nil tickets issued
Tates Avenue – Nil tickets issued

Question 2

How many parking tickets for parking within 15 metres of a junction have been issued by (identified Police Officer) to vehicles parked at where Lorne Street meets or intersects Tates Avenue, Donnybrook Street, Melrose Street, Edinburgh Street and Lower Windsor Avenue in the six months ended 31 March 2011.

Answer

This officer has issued 5 tickets in Lorne Street for the above offence.

Question 3

Lastly, please provide me with guidance given to Police Officers in the PSNI as to how to determine from where 15 metres from a junction is measured.

Answer

Please see below, taken from Road Traffic (NI) Order 1981/1995 and The Road Traffic Regulation (NI) Order 1997;

“No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to wait in a public road, within 15 metres of it’s junction with any other road, the distance to be measured from the point where the prolongation of the nearest edge of carriageway of the intersecting road meets such road. “

Please also see www.nidirect.gov.uk – Motoring, The Highway Code, Rule No. 240.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner’s Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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