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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI558103881

Thank you for your request for information relating to Public Space Protection Orders.

You have requested the following information:

The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 Section 59(8) requires that A public spaces protection order must be published in accordance with regulations made by the Secretary of State. in order for a PSPO to be lawful.

The regulations states that the order must specify the period for which the Order has effect..

The only PSPO that you have published on your website for the city centre states that the PSPO was 'amended on 20 July 2020 and will remain in force for a period of 3 years'. This notice has therefore expired and there is no lawful PSPO currently in place as all of the requirements of making a PSPO have not been met.

Please could you provide me with the following information:

- 1. A copy of all consultations that were conducted when proposing to extend the PSPO past July 2023. Your website only contains consultations from 2017.**
- 2. A count of the number of Fixed Penalty Notices that have been issued under the City Centre PSPO for the period 21 July 2023 to date. Please break down this figure by offence type.**

3. During the period 20 July 2020 to 20 July 2023 provide a count of how many fines were issued for cycling related offences for cycling in the city centre PSPO.

Outside of the FOI Act please could you confirm how many of the Fixed Penalty Notices you intend to cancel / refund due to the fact that these have been unlawfully issued.

Thank you for making us aware of this as it appears the council website was not updated appropriately. Please note this is an issue which we will resolve in due course.

In response to your request, we confirm the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Cabinet Agenda report on the Council website. Please be advised that the City Centre PSPO was renewed at Cabinet in June 2023. Further details on this are available to access via the below link:

<https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=124&MIId=13062&Ver=4>

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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