01 August 2017

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 911/17

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request:

1. How many claims of a public right of way with regard to either a footpath or bridle path have you received in the last five years?

Answer: Seven applications in the period July 2012 to July 2017.

2. How much money has been spent to investigate / ensure the standard of proof is met on these claims?

Answer: £3250 in external consultants fees plus (internal) staff time.

3. How many public rights of way orders has the council made with regard to either a footpath or bridle path?

Answer: Between July 2012 and July 2017:
   - Three Definitive Map Modification Orders (DMMOs)
   - Four Public Path Orders (PPOs)

4. How much money has the council spent either contesting or enforcing the existence of these rights of ways with residents who live on or near the paths?

Answer: Approximately £1500 in barrister’s fees in the period July 2012 to July 2017.

You are free to use any documents supplied for your own use, including for non-commercial research purposes. The documents may also be used for news reporting. However, any other type of re-use, for example by publishing the documents or issuing copies to the public will require the permission of the copyright owner, where copyright exists. Such a request would be considered separately in accordance with the relevant Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005 and is not automatic. Therefore, no permission is implied in the re-use of this information, until such a request to re-use it has been made and agreed, subject to any appropriate conditions. Any request to re-use the information should be made to me at the address below.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please contact the Head of Corporate Governance, Rutland County Council, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6HP
You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:
Yours faithfully

FOI Administrator
Corporate Support Team, Rutland County Council