FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 942/16

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request:

I am looking for more information on your Environmental health officer/department. In particular I’d be interested in receiving anything you have relating to the functions of the department/person. For what reasons should people contact them (eg types of: pests/repairs/environmental issue/anything else), what things do they not cover, the normal wait time before the environmental health officer/department addresses the reported issue.

Response:

Rutland County Council’s Environmental Health Department undertake the following functions:

1. Air quality
2. Contaminated land
3. Energy efficiency initiatives
4. Environmental Permitting Regulations - Local authority Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (LA-IPPC) which covers installations known as A(2) installations and Local authority Pollution Prevention and Control (LAPPC) which covers installations known as Part B installations are regulated by local authorities.
5. Food safety regulation
6. (Some) Health & Safety regulation regarding businesses (where activities are not regulated by the Health and Safety Executive).
7. Housing enforcement – minimising empty properties, regulating ‘houses in multiple occupation’ and enforcing housing repairs and standards.
8. Protection of public health - taking action to deal with properties that are a threat to human health because of their condition, such as rotting or decaying waste such as food or faeces; animals being kept in filthy disease forming conditions; or the presence of pests such as rats, fleas, bedbugs and cockroaches. The Council does not have powers to deal with untidy or poorly decorated houses or overgrown gardens where there is no threat to human health. The Council cannot take action against wasps or ants nests in neighbouring properties.
9. Arranging public health funerals
10. Regulation of private water supplies and private (water) distribution networks.
More information regarding the Council’s enforcement of repairs and standards, including the type of repairs that should be reported, can be found on the Rutland County Council website at:


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Yours faithfully

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