17 September 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1166/18

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

I would like the following request for information under the Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Information Regulations. Please see the following questions.

1. When you introduced your wheeled-bin kerbside waste collections, what size of refuse bin and recycling bin(s) respectively did you give to households?

   Answer: 240l refuse and 240l recycling.

2. After you introduced a wheeled bin collection, have you reduced the standard refuse bin size given to residents? I.e, have you changed your standard refuse bin from, say, 240 litre to 180 litre? If so, what size did you choose, when did you choose it and why?

   Answer: No

3. Have you undertaken any specific projects to reduce the size of the refuse bins allocated to residents? In other words, anything which is similar to this: https://www.eveningexpress.co.uk/fp/news/local/council-may-remove-bins-from-homes2/ or any project in which residents refuse bins were replaced with smaller sizes? If so, please can you provide a brief synopsis of what happened and when it happened?

   Answer: No

4. Please can you provide me with the ‘before and after’ statistics (including overall recycling rate, overall composting rate, total fly-tipping, total fly-tipping reports of black bags (if this is available) total non-recyclable waste and average non-recyclable waste (kgs per household), total tonnage collected from bring banks and total from HWRCs), specifically for at least six months before and six months after you introduced wheeled bin collections (if this information has been recorded as part of the initiative).

   Answer: Information available via Waste Data Flow (www.wastedataflow.org). Wheeled bins for recycling were introduced in April 2008.

5. If you have undertaken a project to reduce the total refuse capacity already available to residents (such as the link above, ie, removing additional refuse bins)

   Answer: No
households and/or replacing households’ bins with smaller ones), please can you provide me with the ‘before and after’ statistics (including overall recycling rate, overall composting rate, total fly-tipping, total fly-tipping reports of black bags (if this is available) total non-recyclable waste and average non-recyclable waste her household), total tonnage collected from bring banks and total from HWRCs), specifically for six months before and six months after the project (if this information has been recorded as part of the initiative).

Answer: Not Applicable

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

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Yours faithfully

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