07 February 2019

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 105/19

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

I have noted that in their latest list of members the BPA (British Parking Association) lists yourselves:

https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.britishparking.co.uk%BPA-Members&amp;data=02%7C01%7C%7C43deaa696990420a804108d682d2952e%7C60a080bbbc0f4d9399c183748e10674d%7C1%7C0%7C636840238288110941&amp;sdata=FhRRvBpadfDI50GvrtlTLLc3t7PIE0ol6XXK89FCM%3D&amp;reserved=0

The BPA is not a highly regarded organisation by many motorists and seen as ineffective in regulating the private parking operators who make up the bulk of its membership; MPs in the House of Commons have also echoed these concerns.

Therefore, can you please provide the following information about your membership:

1. The date you first become a member.

Answer:
Rutland County Council was previously a member of the British Parking Association prior to 2011, however we no longer hold records for this time.

Rutland County Council became a member again in December 2018.

2. The reason for becoming the member.

Answer:
The reasons were for information and networking.

3. How it benefits your residents by being a member.

Answer:
Rutland County Council uses the British Parking Association for information and networking to provide best practice in our operations for them and others.

4. Benefits received by being a member of the BPA.
Answer:
It is currently too soon to say since the membership is so new.

5. The annual costs for being a member of the BPA.

Answer:
The cost for the first year was £500.

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Yours faithfully

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