

Ref: EIR / 6380

09th June 2026

Environmental Information Regulations Request - Lithium-Ion Battery and Vape-Related Fires and Disposal

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

For the period 1 June 2023 to the most recently recorded date, please provide the following, preferably with a monthly breakdown and in CSV/Excel format:

- 1. The total number of recorded fires at any site or during any stage of waste collection or processing involving lithium-ion batteries.**

Two fires have been recorded to have taken place at two recycling centres.

- 2. Of those, and if recorded, the number for which the suspected or recorded cause was vapes (of any type).**

On both occasions, it is suspected that the cause was vapes.

- 3. The quantity of vapes (of any type) or vape batteries found improperly disposed of in collected waste.**

Council does not hold this information.

- 4. The total number of loads rejected, quarantined, or diverted because of improper e-waste disposal and, if held, the proportion of which is specifically attributed to vapes.**

Council does not hold this information.

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5. The total cost of improper e-waste disposal and, if held, the proportion of which is specifically attributed to vapes.

Council does not hold this information.

6. The quantity of vapes (of any type) collected properly as e-waste.

Council are planning to collect vapes properly as e-waste in the coming weeks so presently do not have this information.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly, our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie
Chief Executive
Derry City and Strabane District Council
98 Strand Road
Derry BT48 7NN
Tel: 028 71253253 or email: john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

I would however advise that the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

Conor Canning
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