

Ref: FOI / 6283

05<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Melvin Metal Stairs Inspection**

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

### **Request**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information relating to the metal stairs located at Melvin area Strabane. Specifically, the metal stairs that are situated on the walkway path that runs alongside and parallel to the Water Wall.

These stairs in particular are the ones that are situated at the wall, with the river area below to one side of them and the walking path, small grass area, and then the running track to the other side of them. I have attached an image, with a highlighted area in red to show the location.

1. I request the inspection frequency policy applicable to those stairs.
2. Copies of inspection records for those stairs for the 12 months prior to 23.02.2026
3. Cleaning and maintenance schedules for those stairs for the same 12-month period.
4. Records of any complaints or reports concerning slipperiness or moss/algae on those stairs within the past 3 years.
5. Details of any anti-slip treatments applied to those stairs and the dates applied.

### **Response**

Council does not hold any of the information requested.

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

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Firstly, our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

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Tel: 028 71253253 or email: [john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com](mailto:john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com)

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

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

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**Head of Environment & Building Control**