



Ref: FOI / 5814

12th June 2025

Email:

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Engine Idling

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

I would like to request the following information relating to engine idling in your council area. Please provide responses to the following:

1. Whether the council maintains records of public complaints or reports of engine idling.

Yes

2. How many reports or complaints about engine idling have been made, broken down monthly from January 2020 to the most recent month in 2025?

- 2020 – 0
- 2021 – 0
- 2022 – 0
- 2023 – 1 (October 2023)
- 2024 – 0
- 2025 – 0 (to 11/6/25)

3. The number of fines issued for engine idling offences, broken down monthly for each calendar year from January 2020 to the most recent month in 2025.

Zero

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- 4. The total revenue generated from these fines, also provided as a monthly breakdown for the same period.**

£0

- 5. The number of verbal or written warnings issued for engine idling, broken down monthly from January 2020 to the most recent month in 2025.**

One verbal warning October 2023.

- 6. The location or street name/postcode where each fine or warning was issued, if available.**

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- 7. The current fixed penalty amount for engine idling offences.**

N/A

- 8. Whether the council operates any designated "anti-idling zones" (e.g., around schools, hospitals, or town centres). If so, please provide a list of these zones.**

N/A

- 9. Whether the council has a specific enforcement policy or procedure for engine idling (e.g., how long a vehicle must idle before action is taken, whether a warning is required first, what evidence is needed, etc.).**

N/A

- 10. Whether civil enforcement officers or other staff are authorised to issue engine idling fines. If so, how many currently hold this authority?**

N/A

11. The minimum idling time required before a fine or warning can be issued (e.g., 1 minute, 2 minutes).

N/A

12. The number of engine idling fines that have been appealed, cancelled, or remain unpaid, broken down monthly from January 2020 to the most recent month in 2025.

N/A

13. Whether the council has considered or implemented a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) or any similar legal instrument to support engine idling enforcement.

No

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
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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

Seamus Donaghy
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