

Ref: EIR / 1818

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Mr

BBC Spotlight

Email: @bbc.co.uk

Dear Mr

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Request Bonfires 2015-2017

I refer to your EIR request as above and respond as follows:

Please provide a list of all the bonfires in your area and indicate which 1. bonfires take place on council property.

Area	Land owner
Bogside	DCSDC
Fountain	EA
Galliagh	DfC
Top of The Hill	DCSDC
Irish St	DCSDC
Creggan	Translink NI
Clooney	DfC land (Maintained by DCSDC)
Tullyalley	DCSDC
Newbuildings	NIHE (may now be sold)
Drumahoe	Private
Caw/Nelson Drive	DCSDC
Artigarvan	Private
Donemana	NIHE
Castlederg	DCSDC/Private
Newtonstewart	Orange Order (Moved to Castlederg)

- Could the council please indicate which of these bonfires they feel are problematic or have had issues in the past.
 Response: The majority of bonfires have potential to be problematic as most, if not all, bonfires are likely to have contained "controlled waste", e.g. tyres, pallets, sofas, etc. which release a variety of harmful pollutants into the environment.
- 3. Could the council please provide a breakdown of costs for clearing up bonfire sites following the 11th night and if possible provide detail of the amount of debris removed.

Response: 2016 £5,211.35, 2017 £9,150.29

- Can the council please confirm if they have stored pallets for bonfires and if so how many have be stored, at how many sites and at what cost
 Response: No storage of pallets
- 5. Could the council confirm if any staff or contractors have been threatened or intimidated in relation to working with bonfires and please provide detail of each threat?

Response: No threats to staff or contractors

6. How many personal injury claims have (i) been made against the council and (ii) have been settled in relation to people getting injured on bonfire sites?

Response: None

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

Yours sincerely

Head of Environment