

Derry City & Strabane

District Council

Comhairle **Chathair Dhoire &** Cheantar an tSratha Báin

Derry Cittie & Stràbane

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Ref: FOI / 1292

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Mr Travel Editor

Email: travel@ein.org

Dear Mr

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Height restriction Car Parks

I refer to your FOI request as below:

Request:

Under FOI please advise:

- 1. What the height restrictions are for?
- 2. Why are motorhomes being prevented from entering carparks for which they should be legally allowed to enter?

Response:

I can advise that under Local Government Reform (LGR) in April 2015, the (then) Department for Regional Development (DRDNI) (now the Department for Infrastructure) transferred its Off-Street Car Parking function to the Local Councils.

As a result of this Derry City and Strabane District Council inherited a total of 30 no Off-Street Car Parks, which included a number of these, in the City Centre, having height restriction barriers in situ.

Presently the Off-Street Parking Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 prohibits overnight stays in the Off-Street Car Parks, however, Council is in the process of preparing an

Off-Street Car Parking Strategy and, as part of this, consideration will be given to access for Motorhomes for parking and overnight stays.

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 Business