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Dear Sir/ Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ07106

Thank you for your request for information relating to Enforcement of coronavirus lockdown.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

1. Please state whether your local authority has closed any public spaces or rights of way in response to the lockdown (for example, beach or beauty spots, carparks near beach or beauty spots, footpaths, public parks). Please state the public space that was closed and the reasons for closure.

All public parks and greenspaces owned and managed by Coventry City Council have remained open and available for use by the local community for the purpose of exercise. Any car parks attached to and facilitating the parks and open spaces have been closed during the Lockdown Period to restrict and control the numbers of people attending the greenspaces and help ensure social distancing guidelines are adhered to.

2. Whether your authority has issued fines for Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) since 23 March, to enforce the lockdown (for example, enforcing PSPOs against standing in groups, or using PSPO dispersal powers). Please give the number of PSPO fines issued and the offences for which they were issued; and the number of any dispersal orders issued.

We can confirm that no fines or dispersal orders have been issued.

3. Whether any CPNs have been issued since 23 March (for example, requiring someone to stay in their property). Please give the number and nature of CPNs issued, if possible, including the CPN text.

We can confirm that no CPNs have been issued.

4. Whether local authority officers are patrolling to enforce lockdown measures contained in the 'Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations 2020' or the 'Coronavirus Act'. Please give the number and nature of local authority officers patrolling (for example, street wardens); and details of any fines/interventions.

We can confirm that no officers are patrolling to enforce lockdown measures.

5. Please state if the local authority has empowered any private security companies to enforce during the lockdown, for example to fine people for PSPO violations. Please state the company involved and whether any fines have been issued by this company.

We can confirm that we have not empowered any private security companies to enforce during the lockdown.

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If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email casework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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