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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ07933**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Gates in Coundon Hall Park.

You have requested the following information:

1.Copies of Disability Impact Assessments carried out prior to installation of all kissing gates in Coundon Hall Park from 2017 to February 2020. There should be three in total - one for a kissing gate located near the junction of Tamworth Road and Long Lane, one for an installation next to the changing rooms at Tamworth Road car park and one for a kissing gate installed and subsequently removed located near the junction of Waste Lane and Brownhill Green Road.

No 'Disability Impact Assessments' were carried out prior to the installation of any of the new gates or other street furniture in Coundon Hall Park. The park was however assessed for accessibility as part of the work to inform the recently adopted Green Space Strategy (2019 -2023). Within this assessment, the park was given a rating of 7 out of 10 for 'equal access for all' and 8 out of 10 for 'good and safe access'.

The new gates, motorbike restrictors and other furniture were installed with due attention to the Disability Discrimination Act. After the installation of the new gates and barriers, members of the public can still access Coundon Hall Park regardless of their disability. Although not all access points were able to be made fully accessible to people with limited mobility due to the need to prevent unauthorised access by motorbikes and similar vehicles, alternative access points for mobility scooters, wheelchairs and similar mechanical aids are available near to all the affected entrances .

When an issue was raised regarding a new kissing gate at the informal entrance into the park near the corner of Waste Lane and Brownhill Green Road and the lack of a drop kerb on the footpath opposite the car-park on Waste Lane where access was available for wheelchairs etc. the kissing gate was changed to a motorbike restrictor to enable wheelchair and mobility scooters to gain access into the park at the entrance nearest to Brownhill Green Road where there was an existing dropped kerb.

2. Also copies of any consultations with park users for the above three installations prior to their installation.

No formal consultation with park users took place prior to the installation of any of the new street furniture or the new footpaths. The City Council are not obliged to consult with park users on changes such as new gates and new footpaths etc. The features would be considered Permitted Development in the context of planning regulations.

The new features were introduced following personal assessment by park officers who have managed the park for over ten years and who consequently are well-informed of the issues within the park and the concerns most commonly raised by park users through various informal channels.

3. Data covering the number of complaints made by the public and others to the Council about motorcycle / vehicle incursions to Council maintained parks/green spaces in 2018, 2019 and any available statistics for 2020. If it is available, I would like the total number for each year plus a breakdown of where they occurred, i.e.. 2019 Total 28 complaints, 12 at war memorial park, 8 at Longford park, 8 at Hearsall common.

We have established that there are no records of any public complaints regarding motorbikes on Coundon Hall Park (or for land off Waste Lane or Tamworth Road) from 1st Jan 2019 to 5th January 2021. This does not reflect the number of vehicles observed being used illegally in the park including several encounters by City Council officers with people riding motorbikes and quad bikes etc. It also does not reflect the physical evidence of motorbike use in the park including tyre tracks and extensively churned up areas due to scrambling / trail bikes being used in the park.

In response to the remainder of Question 3, we hold the information which you have asked for but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

This is because the data requested is not held in a reportable format and therefore to determine an accurate response, we would need to conduct a manual trawl through databases which will exceed 18 hours.

Therefore, this part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

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

Yours faithfully

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