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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI592153007

Thank you for your request for information relating to Reports of dog fouling complaints.

You have requested the following information:

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to formally make a request regarding the number of reports of dog fouling complaints and the measures the council is taking to stop such complaints.

- 1. How many complaints have you had in the last 12 months (March 2023-March 2024) about dog poo/dog waste being reported in public areas - i.e. in parks, on pavements, walkways, public fields, etc.?**
- 2. How many complaints have you had in the last 12 months (March 2023-March 2024) about dog poo/dog waste being reported on private property - i.e. someone's front garden, driveway, path, etc.?**
- 3. How many complaints did you have in the 12 months prior (March 2022-March 2023) about dog poo/dog waste being reported in public areas?**
- 4. How many complaints did you have in the 12 months prior (March 2022-March 2023) about dog poo/dog waste being reported on private property - i.e. someone's front garden, driveway, path, etc.?**

In response to Questions 1 to 4, we advise that we do not hold the information requested. Whilst we record the number of complaints, we do not record separately where the fouling is recorded so

this level of details cannot be provided. To assist, we can confirm that 333 complaints were received.

5. How many people were prosecuted or issued with a fixed penalty notice for not cleaning up dog waste/dog poo between March 2023-March 2024?

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6. How many people were prosecuted or issued with a fixed penalty notice for not cleaning up dog waste/dog poo between March 2022-March 2023?

12.

7. How many dog poo/dog waste bins do you have, as of March 2024?

This includes dedicated dog poo/dog waste bins as well as public litter bins that accept dog waste. 2,722 bins in place up to March 2024 inclusive of dedicated dog waste bins and dual-purpose litter bins.

8. How many dog poo/dog waste bins did you have as of March 2023? This includes dedicated dog poo/dog waste bins as well as public litter bins that accept dog waste.

2,653 bins in place up to March 2023 inclusive of dedicated dog waste bins and dual-purpose litter bins.

9. Do you have any plans to increase the number of dog poo/dog waste bins?

There is always scope to provide more dual purpose litter bins but only when the need arises. Inspections are carried out and enquiries investigated which do sometimes result in newly installed bins. Adopting new highways can also result in the need for new bins.

On occasion we do remove bins for various reasons, e.g. misuse, vandalism.

Realistically with the growth of population and increased litter and waste that this generates would indicate that we will increase our overall number of bins.

10. Do you have any plans to decrease the number of dog poo/dog waste bins?

No.

11. If so, on either question 9 or 10, by how many - please state a number rather than a percentage.

From March 2023 to March 2024 the total increase in dual purpose bins that accepted dog waste was 69.

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Yours faithfully

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