



Reference: FOI1404

Request:

1. Please state whether you have used the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to restrict the distribution of free printed matter (leafleting). If so, please state the cost of obtaining a leafleting licence. Please state whether you apply these restrictions to small local arts and community groups (for example a local theatre or arts group).

Public Protection – NTC have not used the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to restrict the distribution of free printed matter.

2. Please state whether there are any additional restrictions in your town or city centre on leafleting on behalf of religious/charity/political groups.

Public Protection – there are no additional restrictions on leafleting on behalf of religious/charity/political groups

3. Please state whether there are public open-air areas within your city or town centre which are owned and controlled by private companies (for example, a square or a park). If possible, please state the number of these areas. Please state whether you are aware of any restrictions in these areas upon freedom of speech or association (for example, restrictions on leafleting, political demonstrations, gathering in groups, charity fundraising, or on megaphones or amplification).

Strategic Property - The Council only holds records of its own land and property. Therefore we are unable to confirm whether or not there are public open areas controlled by private companies

4. Please state whether you have taken down or issued warnings for posters put up by community/religious/charitable/political groups, or for local events. Please give a list of all such posters taken down in the past year. Please provide as much detail as is possible (eg, the name of the community group concerned, and the action taken).

The Planning Enforcement team investigated 53 cases regarding adverts between 20.07.18 and 24.07.19. Information about the nature of the adverts investigated, including their purpose and any text or images, is not held.

Cases can be viewed on line:

<https://idoxpublicaccess.northtyneside.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=advanced&searchType=Enforcement>

Users can search, under the enforcement heading, for key word advert over a chosen date range.

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5. Please state whether there is a free public notice board within your town or city centre where people can put up posters.

Strategic Property - Members of the public have access to notice boards in community centre and libraries etc but we are not aware of any external public notice boards.

6. Please state whether your council has an area in the town centre where people could put up a temporary stall (for example, to campaign on a political cause). Would a fee be payable to the council for this? (and if so, how much?).

No information held.

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