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Request:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I run the website [REDACTED], which seeks to promote the use of SOX streetlighting wherever it is practicable. In order to compile a picture of the use of SOX in the United Kingdom today, I would like to ask for the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or Environmental information Regulations as appropriate):

1. What is your best estimate of the percentage of all streetlights that are SOX, in the area for which the Council is responsible?
2. What is your best estimate of the number of SOX streetlights in the area the Council is responsible for?
3. Are you continuing to maintain your existing SOX streetlights, i.e. by replacing with new SOX tubes/components etc. rather than replacing with LED/SON etc.?
4. Are you planning any new installations of SOX streetlights in the foreseeable future?

The information will be used in aggregated form and for reference only on my website, e.g. "XX% of councils are planning future installations of SOX". This may be quoted at a regional level, and/or there may be a map of SOX usage. It would be useful to be able to advertise a few specific examples of councils that continue to use SOX, but please do advise if you object to this. I have no plans to follow this up with any further communication.

Thank you for your attention. I can assure you that this information will be most useful and I look forward to your reply. My apologies if the above requested information is already publicly available online.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 14/11/2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to SOX streetlighting.

Please note that in Northern Ireland district councils are not responsible for the provision of street lighting. Please contact NI Direct who should be able to help you with your request.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/377/1819 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.