

**FOI Reference Number:** FOI/384/1819

**Date:** 20 November 2018

**Request:**

We request the following in relation to the Japan Tobacco International tobacco processing factory that was located in Ballymena and closed in 2017.

- A copy of the Environmental Permit issued to Japan Tobacco International
- Details of any enforcement action taken against Japan Tobacco International in relation to the Environmental Permit since the permit was issued
- Details of any Environmental complaints received from residents and nearby businesses about the activities of Japan Tobacco International since the permit was issued including:
  - How many complaints have been received?
  - What were the complaints about (odour, smoke, noise, waste etc.)?
  - What date was the complaint made?
  - What was the result of any investigation into the complaints? For the avoidance of doubt we do not require detail of who made the complaint.

**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 16 November 2018.

Please find below, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to the JTI tobacco-processing factory.

A copy of the Environmental Permit issued to Japan Tobacco International	See attached
Details of any enforcement action taken against Japan Tobacco International in relation to the Environmental Permit since the permit was issued	None
Details of any Environmental complaints received from residents and nearby businesses about the activities of Japan Tobacco International since the permit was issued including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How many complaints have been received?</li> <li>○ What were the complaints about (odour, smoke, noise, waste etc.)?</li> <li>○ What date was the complaint made?</li> <li>○ What was the result of any investigation into the complaints?</li> </ul>	There is a single complaint in 2012 regarding noise which pre-dates MEABC.  05/01/2012  Upon notification of the complaint swift action taken to resolve issue by Gallahers.

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/384/1819 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.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

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