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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your request for information dated 31 October 2023 and detailed below.

I contacted the council regarding an advertised public firework display in Aylesbury/blackrock area back in September. I was concerned about an individual talking about letting off commercial fireworks in the middle of our housing estate. The event was (publicly anyway) cancelled but we've just been subjected to a fairly relentless firework event from the exact area the individual in question lights his. I'd like to enquire about any approved displays in the Aylesbury and blackrock area on Halloween. I feel the size of this display was dangerously close to property. Attached short video of fireworks.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives you two rights of access when you write to us asking for information. You have the right to know whether we hold recorded information in scope of your request, and you have the right to have that recorded information given to you. These rights may only be overridden if the information you are looking for is covered by an exemption in the Act.

The Department has considered your request and determined that the following question falls within the remit of the Freedom of Information Act as it constitutes a request for recorded information:

I'd like to enquire about any approved displays in the Aylesbury and blackrock area on Halloween.

No licences were issued by the Department of Justice, under regulation 6 of the Explosives (Fireworks) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002, for the purchase, possession or use of fireworks in the Aylesbury and Blackrock areas of Newtownabbey on 31 October 2024.

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request an internal review, please do so in writing stating the reasons to the address above.

If following an internal review you were to remain dissatisfied you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner and ask the Commissioner to investigate whether the DOJ has complied with the terms of the FOIA. You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

The Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out.

Further details on the role of the Information Commissioner and the handling of appeals can be found at: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager