

Response to Request for Information

Reference EIR 000040 **Date** 16 May 2016

Sporting Rights - Driving or Shooting of Game

Request:

Shooting Rights on WCC Land

I write in accordance with Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOIA 2000") to request disclosure of any information held by Wolverhampton City Council ("the Public Authority") relating to Sporting Rights, or any other permissions granted, which allow the driving or shooting of game (as defined by Section 2, Game Act 1831) or snipe, woodcock and waterfowl (as defined by Schedule 2, Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981) over its land or land it leases for such a purpose.

The information I request is as follows:

- 1. Does the Public Authority have any arrangement(s) such as, or similar to, that described above?
- 2. If yes, what are the terms and length(s) of the arrangement(s)?

As you will no doubt be aware, FOIA 2000 provides that the Public Authority must respond within twenty days. Please note that I do not seek for any information which identifies individuals or third parties to be disclosed and agree for such to be redacted within reason.

We have considered your Freedom of Information Request above. Under Section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Council are not obliged to disclose the information as it would fall under the definition of Environmental Information as set out in the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Therefore I am going to be considering your request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). This is because the Council considers your request to relate to information that is environmental in nature (regarding impact on the environment and policies and procedures that have effect on it).

In response to your request, please find our response below.

1. Does the Public Authority have any arrangement(s) such as, or similar to, that described above? On Parks and Open Spaces that we manage no 'Sporting Rights/Shooting permissions exist.

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

2.	If yes, what are the terms and length(s) of the arrangement(s)? Not applicable