



My Ref: FOI5239
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

For Locke Park firework event 2025 I require the below:

- **Any licences, permissions, or safety assessments granted for the event;**

Barnsley Round Table as the event organiser submitted land hire request via the formal process: <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/parks-and-open-spaces/hire-a-park/>

The organisers presented event operational and management documents to the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) advise on safety aspects for public events planned to take place in the Barnsley area. They provide a 'one stop' approach to update the agencies likely to be involved in the planning, management or response for an event. The SAG includes senior officers from various agencies including the police, fire and rescue service, and Yorkshire Ambulance Service.

The main objectives of the SAG are:

- to promote high levels of safety and welfare at events by giving advice and guidance
- to promote good practice in safety and welfare planning for events
- to ensure events cause minimal adverse impact to the community

The SAG provide event organisers with professional advice and guidance. The group decides on the plans presented by the event organiser, looking at the content and structure of the safety elements of the event. It isn't the group's role to assist in the planning of the event or the writing of the event plan.

All comments and advice made by the SAG are always advisory, made by professionals in the interest of public safety. The advice the group provides shouldn't be dismissed lightly.

The safety of the event is the duty of the event organiser. The organiser needs to:

- apply the advice from the SAG, making sure the required guidance and regulations are met
- ensure health and safety are a key part of the planning and operation

- ensure all safety certificates and relevant documents are in place, correct and up to date (for all parties providing services to the event)

The booking form is enclosed. Some personal information has been redacted as it is exempt under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Documentation relating to the event safety and risk assessments was submitted to the council but is exempt from release under Section 38(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as disclosure could prejudice the health and safety of individuals. The documents submitted include detailed information relating to event safety, emergency planning and emergency response. Release of this information would be likely to prejudice these activities and risk the safety of individuals attending future or similar events as information could be used by those with malicious intent.

- **Any documentation evidencing that noise levels were monitored or remained within the legal limit;**

The Council does not hold this information

- **Any Equality Impact Assessment or equivalent showing consideration of disabled and vulnerable residents; -**

The Council does not hold this information.

- **Any communication plan or record showing how local residents were informed in advance; -**

This Council does not hold this information.

- **The number and general nature (no personal data required) of any complaints received by the council or police regarding this event.**

The Council is aware of one complaint submitted to the Police but holds no further information regarding this.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

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Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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