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Dear Mr Birchall

Re: Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Thank you for your Environmental Information Regulations request.

Your request for information, received on 26th April 2016 has now been considered.

You requested the following:-

Has Camden Council conducted any formal research into the number of buskers performing in Camden, both before the introduction of the busking licence in 2014, and after that scheme's introduction?

No

If the answer is 'yes' to the question above, please provide the results of that research.

N/A

What is the view of Camden Council on the benefits or otherwise of the busking licence scheme?

The positive feedback from residents shows that the licensing scheme has been of benefit. The number of amplified buskers performing at night has reduced. Residents welcome the increase in buskers with a standard licence, often with acoustic guitar, which adds to the atmosphere especially in Camden Town, but which do not cause a disturbance.

The licensing system is proving to be successful in protecting local residents from nuisance, where they have told us that their quality of life was being affected.

We hope that this response is useful to you.

If you are unhappy with any aspect of the way in that your request has been processed then you have the right to request a review of our response. If you wish to request a review, please set out in writing your grounds of appeal (within 2 months of this correspondence) and send it to: **Information & Records Management Team, Camden Town Hall, Judd Street, London, WC1H 9LP** and your complaint will be administered through our Internal Review procedure. You can also email your appeal to foireviews@camden.gov.uk



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Yours sincerely

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