

<b>Request:</b>	<b>MSC Illegal Parking</b>
<b>Ref:</b>	ELIR00424
<b>Received:</b>	11.11.24
<b>Responded:</b>	18.11.24

## Request

Please provide all information regarding the work Meadowbank Sports Centre has done to limit illegal parking which impairs pedestrian access in the immediate vicinity of the sport centre.

This should include, but not limited to, any correspondence with Edinburgh Council and Police Scotland.

This period should cover the last 2 years since the sports centre reopened.

The information can be in PDF format.

Please send this information by email replying to this request.

## Response

<b>Legislation:</b>	Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004
<b>Category of response:</b>	Partial Release of Information
<b>Exceptions applied:</b>	EIRs Regulation 11(2)

Your request was processed under the terms of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

Unfortunately, Edinburgh Leisure is only able to meet part of your request; this information is released to you now in the format requested.

**Q1:** Please provide all information regarding the work Meadowbank Sports Centre has done to limit illegal parking which impairs pedestrian access in the immediate vicinity of the sport centre.

Prior to opening Edinburgh Leisure organised double yellow lines to be painted on the trunk road from London Road to our car park entry.

From opening CEC have reduced the opportunity of free parking in the area including in front of the venue and in Marionville Road with all areas pay to park.

CEC as of today have not adopted the trunk road.

We had a number of meetings with the council this year including an initial visit in March 2024 to review the area/ parking issues (attached email and minutes).

In essence CEC agreed that although they had no plan in place to adopt the trunk road Edinburgh leisure have paid for double yellow lines to be placed on both sides of this road. The commitment from CEC was to increase parking supervision in this area as can be seen from the attachments and correspondence.

This request is for areas external to the MSC car park for which we have no jurisdiction and only concerned business responsibility.

We have a series of protocols which may assist or contribute to less people parking on public roads around the venue which include:

- SMS all EL members one week prior to any busy event to let them know car parking will be limited.
- For large events we have a limited time opportunity to ask the council to open their south adjoining open land area for car parking to reduce road and pavement traffic
- For large events we have a car park security monitor to coordinate traffic including putting up car park full sign and redirecting traffic to the CEC overflow.
- For any cars illegally parked on our own yellow lines within the EL car park boundary we would put out a Tanoy announcement asking for the vehicle to be moved
- We did send our contacts at CEC roads department a calendar of all large events so they could send traffic wardens.

Q2: This should include, but not limited to, any correspondence with Edinburgh Council and Police Scotland.

This period should cover the last 2 years since the sports centre reopened.

### **Application of exceptions**

We have released the information that you asked and have provided you with all the documents attached with our response however we have redacted the personal data of all third parties and car registration numbers from the documents.

Under the terms of the EIRs, a request for information can be refused where one or more exceptions listed in the legislation apply. In this instance, Edinburgh Leisure is applying the following exception to the information that you have requested:

**Exception(s):** Regulation 11 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

### **Why exception(s) applies**

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Regulation 11 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs) sets out when personal data can and cannot be disclosed under the EIRs. Regulation 10(3) makes it clear that, where a request for environmental information includes personal data, the personal data must not be made available (i.e. disclosed) otherwise than in accordance with regulation 11.

Personal data must not be disclosed if it is:

- the personal data of the person requesting the information (regulation 11(1));
- the personal data of a third party – and other conditions apply (regulation 11(2)).

The exceptions in regulation 11 regulate the relationship between the EIRs, the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

### Public Interest

The exceptions in regulation 11 are generally absolute, which means that they are not subject to the public interest test. However, in two specific situations, the exception in regulation 11(2) is subject to the public interest test. This means that, even if the exception applies, the personal data must be disclosed unless, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in making the personal data available is outweighed by the public interest in not making it available.

### Duration

Regulation 11 applies regardless of how old the information is. In practice, this will be limited because the provisions can only be applied if the information relates to living individuals. The exceptions do not apply to personal information of deceased people.

This concludes your request **ELIR00424**.

Please treat this as a Refusal under Regulation 11(2) and notice in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

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If you are unhappy with this response to your request, or otherwise unhappy with how we dealt with your request you have the right to request a review from us under Regulation 16 of EIRs by writing to [foi@edinburghleisure.co.uk](mailto:foi@edinburghleisure.co.uk)

Your request should explain why you wish a review to be carried out and should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

- **Email** to: [enquiries@foi.scot](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot)
- **Post** to: Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Rd, St Andrews, KY16 9DS