

REQUEST	15606	RESPONSE
<p>1. Please state how many complaints your local authority has received about smoke from domestic fires from the 1st January 2022 until September 2023 (per calendar month).</p>		<p>1.            January 2022 – 1            February 2022 – 1            March 2022 – 1            April 2022 – 2            May 2022 – 2            June 2022 – 8            July 2022 – 4            August 2022 – 3            September 2022 – 4            October 2022 – 1            November 2022 – 7            December 2022 – 2</p> <p>January 2023 – 4            February 2023 – 5            March 2023 – 4            April 2023 – 0            May 2023 – 1            June 2023 – 1            July 2023 – 0            August 2023 – 0            September 2023 – 1</p>
<p>2. Please state the number of enforcement actions taken by your local authority in the following categories against suspected breaches of smoke control area rules:</p> <p>a) Warning or guidance letters</p> <p>b) Inspections            Penalty notices, please specify</p> <p>i. £300.00 fines</p> <p>ii. higher fines</p> <p>c) Prosecutions</p>		<p>2.</p> <p>a) 2</p> <p>b) 34 site inspections            i. 0 £300 fines            ii. 0 higher fines</p> <p>c) 0</p>
<p>3. Please clarify how many of the enforcements under Question 2 were awarded under the new <a href="#">Environment Act (2021)</a> and or its designated regulations as part of the statutory <a href="#">Environmental Improvement Plan 2023</a>.</p>		<p>3. 0</p>
<p>4. Please provide a copy of any guidance issued internally to council officers regarding the enforcement of alleged breaches of smoke control area rules including the most recent tightening of regulations permitting emissions of 3mg of smoke per hour only, described in the <a href="#">Environmental Improvement Plan 2023</a> (page 80-81).</p>		<p>4. 0</p>