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To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FOI Request Response [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 8<sup>th</sup> April for information about convenience stores and supermarkets found in breach by trading standards. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

I am seeking data on convenience stores and supermarkets found in breach by trading standards of the latest phase of the single use plastics ban introduced on 1 October 2023.

Please can you supply the following information:

1) The number of businesses who were found in breach between its implementation on 1 October 2023 and 31 March 2024

None

2) The items they were found in breach of selling; single-use plastic plates, trays, bowls, balloon sticks, cutlery and polystyrene cups/food containers.

Not Applicable

3) The punishment or penalty for the breach.

Not applicable

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £46 to respond to this request for information.

### **Reviewing any decisions made:**

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email [FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk)

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Yours sincerely,

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[REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** FOI request

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Hello,

[REDACTED], which writes on behalf of the independent convenience industry.

I write seeking access to the following information under the FOI Act 2000:

I am seeking data on convenience stores and supermarkets found in breach by trading standards of the latest phase of the single use plastics ban introduced on 1 October 2023.

I believe there is a strong public interest for this information to be published due to the risk posed to the environment.

Please can you supply the following information:

1) The number of businesses who were found in breach between its implementation on 1 October 2023 and 31 March 2024

The key search terms I am seeking in relation to the type of business are; convenience store, corner shop, grocery store, supermarket, newsagent, symbol group, tobacconist, off licence and independent retailer.

2) The items they were found in breach of selling; single-use plastic plates, trays, bowls, balloon sticks, cutlery and polystyrene cups/food containers.

3) The punishment or penalty for the breach.

Ideally, I would like these figures broken down month-on-month.

If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.

If the release of any of this information is prohibited on the grounds of breach of confidence, I ask that you supply me with copies of the confidentiality agreement and remind you that information should not be treated as confidential if such an agreement has not been signed.

I understand that you are required to respond to my request within the 20 working days after you receive this letter. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]