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Councillor Keith Driver - Neighbourhoods and Community Safety portfolio holder  
Leader of the Council, all Councilors, MP Norwich South, MP Norwich North  
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Ref: NCC5  
21<sup>st</sup> November 2014

Dear Cllr Keith Driver, Cllr Brenda Arthur and all Norwich City Councillors,

It is very disappointing that we did not receive the items we requested in our letter sent on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014 regarding receiving documents relating to the Norwich City Council portfolio holder intention to introduce a ban on skateboarding and other social activities under section 235 of the Local Government Act 1972.

It is equally disappointing that despite the initiators of the proposal for the ban suggesting they have made contact with relevant stakeholders such as skateboarders, and also claimed to have provided 'public consultation', there has been no attempt to respond to our letters and our calls for dialogue and a constructive and mature consultation process.

We have instead, as the local skateboard community, been instigating our own consultation and mediation process with the residents and organisations of Norwich, of which some of Norwich City Council Councilors have engaged with us, to which we are appreciative.

As you are aware we will be presenting at the full council meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. However, the failure to provide us with the documents requested has a direct result on restricting our case, as we have been denied the necessary documents to substantiate our case with the required facts held at City Hall.

Additionally, we haven't even been provided with a reason as to why the documents requested have been denied to us. This leaves us no option but to make a Freedom of Information (FOI) request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Given our current experience with regard to requests of documentation pertinent to this

matter, it seems likely we will not be able to be in receipt of them ahead of the full council and would like this noted.

Please see below a reminder of our requests:

- All documents regarding complaints made to Norwich City Council since 2009 pertaining to skateboards, BMX, rollerblades, scooters whether in written or electronic communications.
- All minutes of council meetings relating to the proposed ban on skateboards.
- All surveys, studies, tests and analysis on the war memorial relating to refurbishment, repair, and relating skateboarders or similar activity.
- All documents on public consultation relating to the proposed ban.

A response would be really helpful and appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of Long Live Southbank