

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0573/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Directive 2003/4/EC on public access to environmental information

Directive 2003/4/EC¹ on public access to environmental information prohibits a public authority from charging for allowing public access to and examination of any public registers or lists of environmental information.

1. Is the Commission aware that UK local authorities are planning to impose charges on personal inspection of such information?
2. Will the Commission advise the UK Government of the importance of ensuring strict respect for the terms of Article 5 of the Directive?

¹ OJ L 41, 14.2.2003, p. 26.