

East Lothian Council

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Under the Freedom of Information Act I request information as to whether or not your local authority has used, currently uses/has installed anti-homelessness/rough sleeping devices/technology and whether the local authority has a current policy on the use of such devices/technology/design (or if you hold any communication explicitly commenting on this matter).

Examples of such devices/technology/infrastructure are:

- * Spikes***
- * Studs***
- * Bars (on benches/against walls etc)***
- * Benches with vertical slats between each seat***
- * wall railings which enable leaning but not sitting or lying***
- * erection of slopes in doorways/against buildings***

Please note this is not an exhaustive list, but merely examples anti-homelessness/rough-sleeping devices/technology/design.

East Lothian Council has no policy on deterring rough sleeping by using any of the methods suggested or any other comparable methods, nor have we ever done so. Where instances of rough sleeping occur, we work with the client and any agencies that can assist to resolve the issues.