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Dear Mr Todd

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: LIVERPOOL MULTI-AREA AGREEMENT DRAFT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you for your request for a copy of emails between Defra's civil servants and officers at Liverpool City Council relating to the second phase of Liverpool's Multi-Area Agreement (MAA), which we received on 18 June. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

Defra did not correspond directly with officers at Liverpool City Council, but we sent our comments on the second phase of Liverpool's MAA to Communities and Local Government (CLG) to forward to the Council. I attach a copy of the email to CLG containing our comments. I also attach details of comments made verbally to Liverpool City Council on 18 May.

Defra has not received a copy of the correspondence from CLG to Liverpool City Council in which they forwarded our comments. Therefore, if you have not already done so, you may wish to contact CLG to request a copy. You can contact CLG at CONTACTUS@communities.gsi.gov.uk or Communities and Local Government, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU. Alternatively, we can transfer your request to CLG, but before doing so we request your permission to notify them of your name and contact details. If you agree to this, please could I ask you to either sign and return the declaration at the foot of this letter to me or email me giving your permission for us to contact the CLG on your behalf.

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In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIRs, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. The information you requested may now be published on our website together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me. I also attach an annexe giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

Yours sincerely

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I, Julian Todd, hereby authorise Defra to transfer my information request to Communities and Local Government

Signature:

Date:

Annexe A

Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Clive Porro, Head of Defra's Information Rights Team at, Area1B Ergon House, Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AL, (email: informationrights@defra.gsi.gov.uk) who will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure can be found at: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/complain/info.htm>

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