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Date: 27 January 2010

Dear Mr Dunn

**Freedom of Information Request: 024/2010**

Thank you for your request received by the Council 26 January 2010.

In relation to your enquiry, please find the Council's response set out in italics below:

*“Could you please provide by email if possible, entries on the voters register for the last 5 years for the address 6 St Lukes Cottages London Road Swanley BR8”*

*The registration of electors is governed by the Representation of the People Act 1983 as amended under Section 8 of the Act, the Council must appoint an officer of the Council to be the Registration Officer for any constituency or part of a constituency coterminous with or situated in the Council's area. The appointed officer for the registration area of Sevenoaks is the Chief Executive. This appointment is separate to the appointment as Chief Executive and, although appointed by the Council, the Electoral Registration Officer's responsibilities and duties are personal. An example of this is that the register of electors is deemed to be the property of the Electoral Registration Officer, not the local authority.*

*The Electoral Registration Officer does not carry out the duties on behalf of the local authority but in his own personal capacity. A list of public bodies and local authorities that are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act is available at the following website:*

<http://www.foi.gov.uk/yourRights/publicauthorities.htm#schedule1>

*As you will see, the Freedom of Information Act does not list any person appointed under the Representation of the People Act 1983. It follows that the Electoral*

*Registration Officer, Returning Officer or any other person appointed under the Act are not subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.*

*Notwithstanding that there is no statutory obligation to provide this information, I respond below to your enquiries below.*

*The current register of electors is available for inspection (under supervision) at the main Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks and at the local office in St. Mary's Road, Swanley.*

*Once the register is superseded each 1st December, more than 10 years has to expire from the date of publication of the register before it is again available for inspection (under supervision) in accordance with regulation 109A(9) of the Representation of the People Regulations 2001. Past copies of the register can be inspected at the Sevenoaks Library, Buckhurst Lane, Sevenoaks by appointment on 01732 453118/452384/450305, at the Centre for Kentish Studies, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, 01622 694472 or 01622 694452 and also at the British Library (Social Policy Information Service), 96 Euston Road, London, NW1 2DB, 0207 412 7536.*

I trust the above information has been of assistance to you. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the way we have processed your request the Council has an internal review process which you can begin by contacting Ally Round, Democratic Services Manager ([ally.round@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:ally.round@sevenoaks.gov.uk)). If you remain dissatisfied you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners' Office (ICO) [http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints/freedom\\_of\\_information.aspx](http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints/freedom_of_information.aspx)

Yours sincerely,

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