

RFI 3308 – Emails disclosed

Email 1

From: CLG
To: Defra, MoJ,
Date: 12 January 2010

To be aware of a further ICO ruling (attached) on application of EIR to local search data held which in this case also includes local land charges.

[*sentence redacted*]

Email 2

From: Defra
To: CLG, MoJ
Date: 12 January 2010

Thanks for this.

I have a draft of an options paper almost ready which I will circulate by the end of the week at the latest.

Email 3

From: CLG
To: Defra, MoJ
Date: 13 January 2010

Following on from [*name redacted*] e-mail you may wish to be aware of three further rulings published on the ICO website for Maldon, Tendring and Liverpool councils. The Liverpool judgement seems to be the most important/interesting.

http://www.ico.gov.uk/upload/documents/decisionnotices/2009/fer_0240239.pdf

http://www.ico.gov.uk/upload/documents/decisionnotices/2009/fer_0265572.pdf

http://www.ico.gov.uk/upload/documents/decisionnotices/2009/fer_0255346.pdf

Email 4

From: CLG
To: Defra, MoJ
Date: 13 January 2010

Thanks for the updates. [*two sentences redacted*]

[*name redacted*] - I Look forward to seeing the options paper. Do you have a read out of the Information Tribunal appeal of the East Riding case scheduled due on 11 Jan?

Email 5

From: Defra
To: CLG, MoJ
Date: 13 January 2010

[*name redacted*] tells me that the hearing has been put back to 26 and 27 January.

Email 6

From: Defra
To: MoJ, CLG, DNA
Date: 18 January 2010

Please find attached the first draft of the “options paper” we discussed before Christmas. Apologies for the delay but the ICO has been active closing off cases in the period before Christmas which proved a bit of a distraction. I anticipate it will need some refinement and discussion and input from your selves.

Clearly the legal advice expected by the end of the month by both MoJ/Defra and TNA will affect exactly what we say, hence despite the introduction referring in square brackets to recommend options, it may be worth waiting what our legal room for manoeuvre is before completing that part.

In the first instance I suggest you send views and comments by e-mail and I can put together a second iteration which we may wish to meet and discuss.

Email 7

From: CLG
To: Defra
Date: 21 January 2010

I am aiming to get a response to you tomorrow.

Email 8

From: CLG
To: Defra, MoJ, TNA
Date: 22 January 2010

The principle of internal re-charge is central to the requirements of CPSR with regard to access to un-refined data to compile search products for which

LAs and PSCs compete. So there would be continuity in terms of a switch to a re-use arrangement.

Email 10

From: Defra
To: CLG, MoJ, TNA
Date: 10 February 2010

[*sentence redacted*] Could you please let me know which of the two dates below you would prefer?

Wednesday 17 February at 10:30
Friday 19 February at 10:30

In order to make it easier to finalise the arrangements I would be grateful if you could reply by return.

Email 11

From: CLG
To: Defra, MoJ, TNA
Date: 10 February 2010

[*name redacted*] and I can make Wednesday at 10:30 but not Friday. I have copied this to [*name redacted*] as CLG's New Burdens team may want to attend. Thanks

Email 12

From: CLG
To: Defra, MoJ, TNA
Date: 10 February 2010

I can also make Wed 10:30, and am happy to attend.

Email 13

From: Defra
To: CLG, MoJ, TNA
Date: 16 February 2010

[*sentence redacted*] I have tried to minimise the amount of tracked changes and comments and hopefully focus on those paragraphs where we still might need some discussions.

I also attach, as a separate document, draft recommendations to ministers again as a starter for discussion.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow

Email 14

From: Defra
To: CLG, TNA, MoJ
Date: (undated)

Subject: Property searches
Date and location: 17 February 2010 10:30 - 12:30, Room 403, Ergon House

I would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance at this meeting. If you need directions to Ergon House please let us know.

I also attach the Agenda for the Meeting.

Email 16

From: CLG
To: Defra, TNA, MoJ
Date: 23 February 2010

Just back in the office so will come back with any comments on the options papers and sub this afternoon.

Email 21

From: Defra
To: CLG, MoJ, HMT, TNA
Date: 16 March 2010
Attachment: "Decision Final 15.3.10"

Please find enclosed the Information Tribunal's Decision Notice. The Tribunal has found in favour of the Information Commissioner. We do not know if the Council will appeal to the Upper Tribunal. It was only promulgated yesterday (15 March) and is not yet on the Tribunal's website.

Email 22

From: Defra
To: MoJ, CLG, HMT, TNA
Date: 8 April 2010

Further to our meeting this afternoon we offered to contribute some text about its wider implications to the draft statement on LLC charges. I attach a first draft.

To help [*name redacted*] I also enclose the draft of a note which we think could go to the Propriety and Ethics Team in Cabinet Office.

You will wish to comment.