

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 ("the Act")
Section 31

REFUSAL NOTICE

TO: Dave Schneider

OF:

The Isle of Wight Council ("the Council") refuse your request dated 18/08/2010 for the following information held by the Council :

Please supply your latest CLAS consultant annual Government Connect assessment/audit report, blanking out any statements which could contravene a security concern from a third party reading it.

The reasons for the Council's decision are as follows:

Some of the information you have requested is **exempt under section 31 of Part II of the Act.**

As a local authority, the Council has to ensure that the data that it holds and/or processes is secure and protected from unauthorised disclosure. Disclosing this information would risk the data that should be secure. Disclosing this information could leave our IT systems vulnerable to attack.

The Council has considered the Public Interest Test in this case. Whilst the Council understands that there is a public interest in the activities of the Council, The Council is of the opinion that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in providing the information in this case. Disclosure of this type of information could undermine the ability of the Council to carry out its duties effectively.

Signed Dated

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THE NOTES BELOW

NOTES

1. If you are not satisfied with the handling of this request, you may wish to discuss the decision making process with the Officer who issued the Refusal Notice – see contact details in the covering letter. If this does not assist and you do not believe that the Council has handled your request in accordance with the requirement of the Act, you may make a formal complaint through the Council's

Appeals Procedure. Please write to the Corporate Information Unit, County Hall, High Street, Newport, IW, PO30 1UD, email: ciu@iow.gov.uk, or apply on-line at www.iwight.com/foi

2. Once you have exhausted the Council's complaints procedure, you have a right under section 50 of the Act, to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request has been dealt with in accordance with the Act. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at the following address:

Office of the Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Web site : www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk