

Our Reference: RFI:5941-12

BY EMAIL ONLY

14 March 2012

Dear Mr Killip

Request for Information

Thank you for your recent email, which requested information in pursuance of the Freedom of Information Act. For clarification, you requested the following information:

It has been reported in the Yorkshire Post and Bradford Telegraph & Argus that a recent survey has indicated that there are "very high" levels of asbestos in the former Odeon cinema building in Bradford.

I require a full and unredacted copy of this survey.

We have now had the opportunity to consider your Request for Information, and are writing to communicate our response. As the information you are seeking is environmental in nature, we have considered its disclosure in line with the right of access provided by the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

Accompanying this letter is the report you have requested. This is being provided to you in full.

Whilst we are able to make report information available, we would stress that appropriate professional advice is sought by any individual wishing to understand or interpret the report's findings. The report can only be properly understood with the guidance of an asbestos specialist. Without such advice the health and safety risks posed by the condition of the asbestos cannot be properly understood.

Furthermore, we would emphasise that due to the poor state of the asbestos it is important that unauthorised individuals do not, under any conditions, enter the building.

You will note that the report refers to a previous asbestos survey completed in 2008. This survey formed part of the planning application documents submitted to Bradford Council that year, and is available at:

<http://www.planning4bradford.com/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=K8VX8XDH06Q00>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding this response or any further queries. If you are unhappy with the way Homes and Communities Agency has handled your request you may ask for an internal review. You should contact

Head of Legal Services
Homes and Communities Agency
Maple House
149 Tottenham Court Road
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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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