

Mr. David Holland

8 November 2010

Dear Mr. Holland

**ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 – INFORMATION
REQUEST (FOI_10-122; EIR_10-15)**

I acknowledge your request for information received today, 8 November 2010. . This request has been initially considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and we have determined that we are not obliged to supply the information you have requested under that Act.

The exemption applied is section 39, exempting information that is 'environmental information' within the meaning of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

This exemption applies because 'environmental information' must be disclosed under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). In short, we will consider your request and provide information under EIR, not FOIA, and you will receive the information requested within the statutory timescale of 20 working days as defined by the EIR, subject to the information not being excepted.

The determination that this request should be considered under the EIR is based upon the recent Decision Notice by the ICO in relation to a request made to us by yourself that involved correspondence and they ruled that the matter should have been considered under the EIR.

As this request emerges from correspondence relating to your request of 22 October 2010, I wish to ensure that we understand your new request correctly and are able to separate it from the consideration of your request of 22 October 2010. To confirm, in this request you wish to know where the information requested in your requests FOI_08-23 and 08-31 was held as of 5 May 2008, and when myself or any other member of Information Services Directorate became aware of its location.

If appropriate, the information may be provided in paper copy, normal font size. If you require alternative formats, e.g. language, audio, large print, etc. then please let me know.

For your information, the EIR define a number of exceptions which may prevent release of the information you have requested. There will be an assessment and if either an exemption or exception applies then the information will not be released. You will be informed if this is the case, including your rights of appeal.

If the information you request contains reference to a third party then they may be consulted prior to a decision being taken on whether or not to release the information to you. You will be informed if this is the case.

There may a fee payable for this information. This will be considered and you will be informed if a fee is payable. In this event the fee must be paid before the information is processed and released. The 20 working day time limit for responses is suspended until receipt of the payment.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact me at:

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Further information is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF
Telephone: 0303 123 1113
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Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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