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Mr Richard Taylor
Via email

Date: **16 December 2016**

Dear Mr Taylor,

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 - 2931497

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 24 November 2016 and processed under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. You requested:

Could you please release the list of designated neighbourhood forums or other bodies with neighbourhood planning powers. I would like all information contained on the list, including any email addresses held, to be released.

I can confirm that the information requested is held by the Department for Communities and Local Government and we are able to provide you with some of this information.

The Department does not publish information on email addresses, but we do have information from our database published on the number of neighbourhood planning areas that we know of.

Please see the attached links for details:

<http://mycommunity.org.uk/resources/key-neighbourhood-planning-data/>

Please note that the Department are planning to update data on this website in the near future.

Regarding a list of any email addresses held. The email addresses include personal email addresses, and do identify individuals. This information therefore falls within the absolute exemption to disclosure at regulation 12(3) of the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR), by virtue of regulation 13, as its disclosure would breach one or more of the data protection principles in the Data Protection Act (DPA).

The information is the personal data, as defined by the Data Protection Act, of another individual. The first data protection principle in that Act states that personal data shall be processed (including any disclosure) fairly and lawfully and, in particular, shall not be disclosed unless at least one of the conditions in Schedule 2 of the DPA is also met. As the affected individuals in this case reasonably could not

have an expectation that their personal data would be disclosed, to do so would breach the first data protection principle.

Complaints procedure

If you are unhappy with this response, we will review it and report back to you. (This is called an internal review.) If you want us to do this, let us know by return email within two months of receiving this response. You can also ask by letter addressed to:

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If you are unhappy with the outcome of this internal review, you can ask the independent Information Commissioner to investigate. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at email address xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx or use their online form at ico.org.uk/concerns or call them on 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely

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