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Our Ref: RFI479094104

Your Ref:

Date: 13 February 2023

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By email only request-938658-6dc15af2@whatdotheyknow.com

Re: Request for Information - Reference Number RFI479094104 - Please quote this reference number if contacting the Council in relation to this matter.

Dear

Thank you for your request for information, which was received on the 16th January 2023. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

Has the council written to or met with UK national or devolved governments to ask or lobby for climate action since 1st January 2019? Please provide some evidence of the most recent letter or meeting such as a copy of the letter or email sent, or the date, topic of meeting and position of the person that the meeting was held with.

This includes either asking for more powers and funding for local authorities to take climate action, or asking for the government to take further action themselves. This includes working with other local authorities to send joint letters or meetings to lobby UK or devolved governments, and includes both general climate action and calls for action on specific issues such as transport where climate change is mentioned as a motivating factor for taking action.

This includes if a cabinet member or other councillor has written to or met with the UK or devolved governments on behalf of the council.

Response

We are not aware of any instances where the Council (including its Members) have met with UK national or devolved governments to ask or lobby for climate action since 1st January 2019.

Please find above the information you requested. Please note that where Harlow Council does not hold the information requested under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, it will, at its discretion, endeavor to answer your query outside the scope of the Act.

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Yours sincerely,

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