



Hannah Jewell

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**Our ref:** 6075629  
**Date:** 24 January 2023

Dear Hannah Jewell

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Central Bedfordshire Council. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

**I would like information about your council's planning in relation to climate action for the Council Climate Action Scorecards. This information is most likely to be held by a planning officer or similar.**

**In particular, please supply me with information relating to the following questions:**

**a. Has the Council approved any new \*1 or expanded \*2 roads or road junctions in its area from 1st January 2019 until 1st January 2023? Please list which ones were accepted.**

Ans - The Council does not hold a list of all new or expanded road junctions approved by the Local Planning Authority. However, records of all planning applications are available to view on our website via the following link:

<http://plantech.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/PLANTECH/DCWebPages/acolnetcgi.gov?ACTION=UNWRAP&RIPNAME=Root.pgsearch>

**\*1 The intention of this question is to understand overall increases in road capacity, rather than recent housing developments. Please exclude minor roads built exclusively to connect new housing to the pre-existing road network.**

**\*2 An expanded road or road junction is one that has increased capacity for motor vehicle traffic, not counting bus lanes, cycle infrastructure, or pedestrian infrastructure. Please include roads and junctions where new lanes have been added.**

**b. Has the council approved any new or expanded airport runways, terminals, measures to increase passenger numbers or other planning proposals that expand airport capacity in its area since 1st January 2019 until 1st January 2023? Please list which ones were accepted.**

Ans- *None within these dates.*

**c. Has the Council approved any planning applications for fossil fuel extraction projects proposed in its area since 1st January 2019 until 1st January 2023? Please**

**list which ones were accepted, including where relevant fossil fuel projects that were later 'called in' by central government.**

*Ans- The Council does not hold a list which meets this description. However, records of all planning applications are available to view on our website via the following link:*  
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**By fossil fuel extraction projects we mean: any oil wells and fields (on or offshore), coal mines, fracking and shale gas, gas, natural (including liquified) gas (on or off shore) plants, and unabated fossil fuel generation and power plants well as related infrastructure such as pipelines and terminals for the fossil fuels.**

Please quote the reference number 6075629 in any future communications.

If you wish to request a review of this response, please contact us either by email ([accesstoinfo@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:accesstoinfo@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)) or in writing to the reply address detailed below.

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Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

I hope this is helpful.

Yours faithfully

Michelle Essiet  
Information Governance Practitioner

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