

Dear Sir/Madam

Further to your request for information regarding valuation of land at Marine Walk, your request is refused as it is plain to the council that it should be considered in the context of an ongoing campaign against development of the site of the former Jobes cafe.

The council has received 27 requests made in near-identical terms (26 between 22 and 26 September, and a further request on 30th September). Both the Information Commissioner and the First Tier Tribunal have recognised that it is not acceptable to use the FOI regime to attempt to generate multiple requests as a way of putting pressure on a public body to release the information.

If you are interested in understanding more about the development, then answers to frequently asked questions are available on the council website at <http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=9894>

While ordinarily the Council would offer to review its response to a request in a case where the requester is dissatisfied with how their request has been handled, in this instance since your request for information is one among many linked requests that the council has refused on these grounds, it is considered that such review is unlikely to address such dissatisfaction.

If, exceptionally, you believe there are circumstances the Council is unaware of that should nevertheless be considered on review please advise in writing to the Council's Information Governance Officer. Any request for review should be directed, by email to freedom.information@sunderland.gov.uk, or by post or by hand to the Information Governance Officer, Governance Services, Civic Centre, PO Box 100, Sunderland SR2 7DN.

You are of course entitled to apply to the Information Commissioner at any time, if you are dissatisfied with the council's response. The Commissioner can be contacted at:-

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

Tel: 08456 30 60 60
Fax: 01625 524 510
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

Kind regards

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