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Our ref: RFI 2774



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Dear Mr Carroll,

**Access to information request – Information Not Held – Request no RFI 2774**

Thank you for your request copies of:

*“all correspondence or file notes that you hold including email correspondence with Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council regarding the alleged culling of Canada geese in 2013 and 2014 within Sandwell borough. Could you please also disseminate in chronological order of date, the content of correspondence (including emails), and occasions that you have provided advice to this council regarding your wildlife licensing and their obligations under Section 14 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 which prohibits the release into the wild without a licence of any animal of a kind which is not ordinarily resident in, and is not a regular visitor to, Great Britain in a wild state, or any species of animal listed in Schedule 9 to the Act”.*

We received your request on 14 December 2014 and it has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Natural England have not engaged in any written communication with Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council on this matter. As such the information you have requested is not held by Natural England and we are therefore applying exception 12(4)(a) – Information Not Held - under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. This exception is applied when the public body does not hold the information requested.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. As you may be aware, under the legislation should you have any concerns with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, please email me at [foi@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:foi@naturalengland.org.uk) and I will arrange for a review to take place. Under Regulation 11(2) this needs to be done no later than 40 working days after the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of that complaint, or the review of our decision, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Natural England. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone: 01625 545 700, [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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