

**Our reference: 8785 EIR IR**

14 October 2015

Dear Mr Perrin,

Thank you for your email dated 16 September 2015. As you have indicated that you are not satisfied with the response made by the County Council, the issue has been referred to me to conduct an internal review.

Your Request:

I am writing to request an internal review of Oxfordshire County Council's handling of my FOI request 'Government Mobile Infrastructure Project - OCC'.

I suspect that this FOI request has been sent to the wrong person for reply. I sought information across the council's work, including explicitly the 'Better Broadband Oxfordshire' project run by the council. The response provided is from the council's own IT department and shows no indication of having asked the Better Broadband project if they hold such information. I should be grateful if the records of the Better Broadband Oxfordshire team could be examined for the information I requested and the search applied more broadly across the council's records.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:

[https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/government\\_mobile\\_infrastructure\\_2](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/government_mobile_infrastructure_2)

**Findings**

In order to prepare this response I have reviewed existing correspondence, including:

- a) Your original request
- b) The Council's initial response

I have discussed the matter with the officers who were involved in the initial response and reviewed the relevant legislation and guidance in consultation with the Councils FOI team

All FOI requests received by Oxfordshire County Council are co-ordinated centrally and issued to the relevant Directorate to provide a response to the FOI team who then respond on the Councils behalf.

In this instance staff in ICT Service Delivery were asked to analyse your request as they have responsibility for the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme and the delivery and relationship responsibilities with the BDUK programme.

Having spoken to our colleagues in the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire team again they have re-affirmed that the information provided by them in the first instance was a complete and accurate response to your request and as a consequence the original response was wholly appropriate and accurate

My review further confirms the following:

- a) The information provided is factually correct and was investigated by a responsible officer who has direct input to the programme of works linked to your request.
- b) Additional information has been provided which is relevant to the use of Mobile Technology and how this is made use of by the Council.
- c) As part of the response to your enquiry, appropriate investigations were made to assess whether information existed within the Council related to the Mobile Infrastructure Project (MIP). None were found within the period of initial analysis that preceded the Council's response.
- d) As part of the original enquiry a request was made to BDUK regarding the Mobile Infrastructure Project (MIP). The verbal feedback from BDUK did not provide any information that added to the detail already included in your request or that was relevant to the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire rollout and the published plans.

### **Conclusion**

Following my review, I believe that the Council has met its obligations under the FOI legislation. However, I do acknowledge that it would have been helpful to include reference in the response to your original enquiry with regard to the verbal feedback received from BDUK and I apologise for this oversight.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF.  
Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

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