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Paul Emms
Via WDTK

Date: 16 July 2024
Our Reference: 26344733
Your reference: request-1145228-9146acf1@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Paul Emms

Information Request - 26344733 - Variation of condition attached regarding Toucan crossing for application ref: 24/0147C

I am responding to your request for information, which has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and logged as case 26344733.

Your request is as follows:

In January 2024, Seddon Construction applied to Cheshire East Council to vary the condition attached to their Manchester Road, Congleton development requiring a Toucan crossing. The variation of condition application ref: 24/0147C was decided within 2 weeks without consultation. As a result, the crossing, if built, will now be downgraded to a puffin crossing.

We request access to emails, telephone memos, reports, meeting notes and any other decision making records that went on internally and between Seddon/Laurus and the Cheshire East Council members / officers (particularly those in the Highways department and the Planning Department) on this matter before and after the application to downgrade the Toucan crossing was made.

I confirm that Cheshire East Council holds the information you have requested. However, we consider that Regulation 6(1)(b) of the EIR applies to the information requested because the information requested is already publicly available and easily accessible.

All documentation held on the application is readily available to the public online. The information you requested is available on our website using the following link - planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=24/0147C. We do not hold any other documentation.

Please quote the reference number 26344733 in any future communications.

An anonymised copy of this response may be published in the Council's Disclosure Log, which is available online at the following address: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/foi

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your request or if you are not happy with the way your request has been handled, you can request an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 20 working days of our response by emailing informationrequests@cheshireeast.gov.uk or in writing to the Information Rights Team, Cheshire East Council, 1st Floor, Westfields, c/o Delamere House, Delamere Street, Crewe, CW1 2LL.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint>, or Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. The Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the Council's internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely,

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