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Dear Ms Kersley,

Thank you for your email of 4 March in which you made the following, refined, request for information:

Please provide me with copies of all written and verbal communications between Barnet Council and DCMS from 1st August 2018 and 1st February 2019.

Please limit this request to officials in DCMS libraries team only. Also regarding verbal communication can you please provide only notes or any other written record of any phone conversations.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

We can confirm that the department holds information within the scope of your request. However, we have determined that some of this information may be exempt from release under section 35 (formulation of government policy) of the Act. This is a qualified exemption and, as such, it is necessary to carry out a public interest and/or prejudice test to consider whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

By virtue of section 10(3) of the Act, where public authorities have to carry out a public interest test, they do not have to comply with the request until such time as is reasonable in the circumstances. Due to the need to consider where the balance of the public interest lies in relation to the information that you have requested, the department will not be able to respond to your request immediately. However, we hope to let you have a substantive response to your request by 30 April.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

Complaints and comments:

As is customary in our replies, I should explain that if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our response to your request for information, and/or wish to appeal against information being withheld from you, please send full details within two calendar months of the date of this email to: xxx@xxxxxxxx.xxx.xx You have the right to ask the Information Commissioner (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. Please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning an investigation.

