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Dear Mr Wilson

### **Environmental Regulations Act**

Thank you for your information request, received on 12 April 2023.

#### **You requested the following information:**

Please provide all information including but not limited to emails, communications, reports and correspondence, which concern:

1. A feasibility study for the proposed Women's Building or Women's Centre to be constructed on the site of Holloway Prison for Women (aka HMP Holloway), including any mention of a steering group or steering committee for the study, and any mention of a donation or funding for the study, since 1 August 2020
2. The Women's Building Joint Steering Group or steering committee since 1 September 2022.

**Our Response:** We are refusing this request under the following exception:

Regulation 12 (4) b Manifestly unreasonable requests:

The request asks for all correspondence between council staff and various parties which relate to, or concern plans or proposals for the proposed Womens Centre. Disclosure of this information would incur too great a cost to the council in terms of the time it would take the authority to locate and provide the relevant information. This burden would significantly distract the council from delivering its services.

Regulation 12 (4) b is a qualified exception and requires a public interest test to be carried out. The reasons for and against disclosure are listed below.

#### **Public Interest in favour of disclosure:**

- The council needs to be transparent by publishing data on its schemes.

#### **Public Interest in favour of withholding:**

- The large volume of correspondence regarding this, would pose an unreasonably large burden on the council to locate, process and provide the relevant information.

We are therefore refusing this part of your request and this response acts as a refusal notice.

More details of Regulation 12 (4) b can be found at the following link:

<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1615/manifestly-unreasonable-requests.pdf>

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been handled or the outcome, you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this response by replying direct to this email.

Further information is also available from the Information Commissioner's Office, at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone: 0303 123 1113. Web:

<https://ico.org.uk/>

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

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