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Dear Alan Rundle

I refer to your request where you asked:

"Please provide copies of all emails, letters and faxes to and from the Prime Minister (and officers of the Cabinet Office), and Magenta Living (formerly known as Wirral Partnership Homes), Esther McVey (MP for Wirral West), Grant Shapps MP (aka Michael Green) between January 2011 and January 2015 in connection with plans for building plans on the Bridge Court Tree Preservation Area, West Kirby, Wirral.

and

Please provide copies of all emails, letters and faxes between the Prime Minister (and officers of the Cabinet Office Office) and any employees at the Royal Courts of Justice (The Strand, London, WC2A 2LL), the Rt Hon. Lord Justice Laws, or staff at the Listings Office at the Royal Courts of Justice, between 30 July 2014 and 6 August 2014.

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I must inform you that the Cabinet Office is unable to comply with your request. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act relieves public authorities of the duty to comply

with a request for information if the cost of dealing with it would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government this is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The reason that your request exceeds the cost limit is that relevant information could be contained in very many files. Searching all those that might contain relevant information to determine whether the Cabinet Office holds any information relevant to your request will exceed the appropriate limit laid down in the regulations. If you wish, you may refine your request in order to bring the cost of determining whether the Cabinet Office holds relevant information, locating, retrieving and extracting it, below the appropriate limit.

In this instance, bearing in mind that our records are classified by broad subject areas, I consider that we may not be able to carry out a search for information unless you can narrow the information to a particular person/s. Although even then I must also inform you that if the Cabinet Office does hold any information, it may be subject to one or more of the exemptions contained in the Freedom of Information Act

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the FOI team. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:

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You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, 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 Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely



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