



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Ms L Reid
By email: request-640895-96f354ab@whatdotheyknow.com

Charity Commission
PO Box 211
Bootle
L20 7YX

Your ref:
Our ref: C-516354

Date: 30 March 2020

Dear Ms Reid,

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your email requesting further information, which I have dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

You say in your request:

“In your reply you state that the Charity Commission hold no information in relation to the authorisation of the sale to Leeds City Council, who are a connected person.

If permission hasn't been sought and the sale is to a connected person,

Will the sale be allowed by the Charity Commission to complete?

Will such a sale be illegal?

If permission were sought, from the Charity Commission, will permission be given without further investigations?”

I confirm that we hold information relevant to your request.

However, I am refusing your request under section 21 of the Act. Section 21(1) states:

“Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.”

The information is exempt under section 21 of the Act because the information is reasonably accessible to you. I would refer you to the Commission's guidance attached which sets out the position regarding the disposal of charity land generally, including any disposal to a connected person e.g. legal requirements and information required by the Commission –

On track to meet your deadline?

Visit www.gov.uk/charity-commission for help on filing your annual return and accounts

t: 0300 066 9197 (General enquiries)

w: www.gov.uk/charity-commission

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sales-leases-transfers-or-mortgages-what-trustees-need-to-know-about-disposing-of-charity-land-cc28/sales-leases-transfers-or-mortgages-what-trustees-need-to-know-about-disposing-of-charity-land#disposals-that-need-the-commissions-authority>.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request or the decision which has been reached, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests must be submitted within two months of the date of this response and should be addressed to the Charity Commission at PO Box 211, Bootle, L20 7YX (email: RIGA@charitycommission.gov.uk).

If you are not satisfied with the internal review, you are able to appeal to the Information Commissioner. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our review procedure. The ICO can be contacted at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF (email: casework@ico.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

Lucy Breakspere
Information Rights and Complaints Manager