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Dear Mr Kiddick

### Freedom of Information Act 2000

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and some of the information you requested is not held by Sefton Council. Postal ballot papers which have been verified to be included in the counting of votes are, in accordance with the rules of the election, mixed in with the verified ballot papers from polling stations. Once the two sets of ballot papers have been mixed together, then the ballot papers are divided by candidates and counted to produce a result. Therefore, it is not possible to say who electors who voted by postal vote voted for.

I have detailed below the information that is held.

- how many people were registered to vote by post in your constituency?

Bootle	Sefton Central	Southport
9772	12381	14648

- how many postal votes were received?

Bootle	Sefton Central	Southport
7855	10524	11782

- how many votes were marked as invalid?

Bootle	Sefton Central	Southport
330	329	258

Please quote the reference number 3611626 in any future communications about this request.

Section 17 (7) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act states that public authorities must provide applicants with details of how they may complain about the handling of their request for information should they wish to. If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been dealt with then you can request an internal review within 40 days of receiving our response. This should be directed to the Information Management and Governance Lead, 1st Floor, Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle, Merseyside, L20 3NJ or email: [infoinfoxxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:infoinfoxxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx.xx)

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Wycliffe House  
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SK9 5AF  
Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
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- [I will now close your request as of this date.](#)

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[Yours sincerely](#)

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