



By email

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Dear Mrs Newsom

Re: electromagnetic fields - Fareham

Thank you for your email of 23 September. Your request for information has been handled under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR).

You asked:

Please supply all information (emails, conversations, any report etc) re Fareham Council's communications with Public Health England re above at Daedalus, Stubbington/Lee-on-Solent. Above involves high voltage DC/AC 1000megawatts cabling to/from facility of massive power transformers + associated buildings alongside a densely populated area/schools.

Information to include any communications re The EU Commission's Scientific Committee on Emerging & Newly Identified Health Risks (SCENIHR) & its Opinion on Potential Health Effects of Exposure to Electromagnetic Fields (adopted at the 9th plenary meeting on 27 January 2015) raised with you by Fareham Borough Council. Conclusions include "The previous assessment of the 2009 SCENIHR Opinion on a possible association between long-term exposure to ELF magnetic fields and an increased risk of childhood leukaemia remains valid."

Did Public Health England address with Fareham Council that the on-going WHO EMF Project now states in its Background:- "There is no doubt that short-term exposure to very high levels of electromagnetic fields can be harmful to health. Current public concern focuses on possible long-term health effects caused by exposure to electromagnetic fields at levels below those required to trigger acute biological responses."

In accordance with Regulation 12(4)(e) -*internal communication*, exception, some of the information you have requested is exempt from disclosure. I have disclosed correspondence between Fareham Borough council and Public Health England (PHE), please find attached. I have redacted a small amount of third party data.

Please note, relevant correspondence is also in the public domain on Fareham Borough Council's planning website: See 'consultation responses' towards the bottom of the page, I supplied the link below:

<https://www.fareham.gov.uk/casetracker/casetracker.asp?a=1&public=Y&caseid=149740> ..

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to me in writing in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied and would like to request an internal review, then please contact us at the address above or by emailing foi@phe.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer