



By email

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Our ref: 01/11/lh/390

15 November 2016

Dear Mrs Newsom

Re: Internal review

I refer to your email of 1 November 2016 which asked Public Health England (PHE) to review its response to your request of 23 September 2016. Having reviewed your questions, I have considered your request as an internal review. This letter provides the outcome of PHE's internal review.

In your original email of 23 September 2016 you asked PHE the following questions:

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.

In its reply of 20 October 2016, PHE stated:

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> ..

You then emailed on 21 October 2016:

Thank you for your response.

However, I look forward to receiving direct from you the information you say is available elsewhere. I am sure you will appreciate that is the normal way of responding to Freedom of Information information - for various reasons, not least sometimes other sites are inaccessible or incomplete.

Please also explain any redactions.

PHE responded on 24 October:

Dear Mrs Newsom

Some of the information you requested is publically accessible on the Fareham Borough council website. I have provided you with the links and explained what section to find the information.

As stated in the response letter I redacted a small amount of third party data. This amounted to a PHE employee and Council employee name which I substituted with the organisation they work for.

Please also find attached a letter that was not attached to your original response email. I apologise that this was not sent.

Internal review decision

Your question of 23 September 2016 specified communications between Fareham Borough Council and PHE. The small amount of internal emails that were identified, included discussions about how to draft an appropriate response to Fareham Borough Council. The final version of the response was uploaded on Fareham Borough Council's website. In accordance with the 12 (4)(e) – *the request involves the disclosure of internal communications*, exception, internal correspondence is exempt from disclosure. The underlying rationale behind the exception is that public authorities should have the necessary space to think in private. Therefore, PHE is not obliged to disclose internal information.

Most of the information you requested is publically accessible. As such PHE signposted you to the relevant website and specified the section you could locate the requested information in compliance with the Regulation 9 - *advise and assist* provision. PHE also disclosed 2 documents that have not been published on either the council website or PHE's website.

I can confirm that you have received all the information that falls within the scope of your request.

I have therefore concluded that PHE responded to your request appropriately and your request for an internal review has not been upheld.

For goodwill, I have provided a list of the correspondence disclosed by PHE's FOI team or available on Fareham Borough Council's website with direct links to the

relevant pages. Please note, I have included a link to information on Fareham Borough council's website that fell outside the scope of your original request, but for completeness I have included in this internal review. It relates to an enquiry you made to the council earlier this year. I have attached copies of the documents that have been uploaded to the Fareham Borough council website as requested.

- 19th May: email from council requesting comments on planning application - disclosed by FOI in their response
- 1st June: PHE response to planning application - presented on council website.

https://www.fareham.gov.uk/casetracker/casetracker_download.asp?case=149740&GUID=3FE9BFCD-C045-491F-9368-F4B8297E574F

- 27th June: letter from council asking for further clarification - disclosed by FOI in their response

- 12th July: clarification from PHE - presented on council website.

https://www.fareham.gov.uk/casetracker/casetracker_download.asp?case=149740&GUID=11A64DA1-C66B-405C-A16B-95B90621E6F7

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer