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Dear Edward Blaise

Thank you for your email dated 3 July in which you ask for access to the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('Fol Act'):

*'...the details of the recipients of the new £50 polymer banknotes from AA01 000001 to AA01 000020. If the intended recipients donated these notes to the charity auction, this can be noted'*

When we release a new banknote, we hold back some of the first printed notes with especially low or symbolic serial numbers. We donate these to people and institutions that were involved in the development of the note or who traditionally receive a note when a new series is issued. A list of the recipients of the low numbered £50 polymer banknotes donated to individuals and institutions can be viewed on our website at: <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/freedom-of-information/2021/details-of-the-recipients-of-the-low-numbered-new-50-banknotes>.

As you may know, the Bank of England (the 'Bank') also conducted an auction through Spink & Sons of low serial numbered £50 notes on 15 July, details of which can be found on the Spink & Sons website at: <https://www.spink.com/auction/21023>. The auction raised £237,040 to be split between 3 charities which were chosen by the Bank's employees: Shelter, NSPCC in aid of Childline and the Albert Kennedy Trust. Further information on the auction can be found on the Bank's website at: <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/news/2021/july/banknote-auction-for-charity>

Yours sincerely

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Your right to complain under the Fol Act

If you are unhappy with the Bank's response, you may ask for that decision to be reviewed internally. Please note that this will be subject to the Bank having received your submission within two months of the date of this response. In order to submit an internal review, please set out the grounds for your appeal and send it to Wendy Galvin, Information Access Team (TS-Mz), Communications Directorate, Bank of England, Threadneedle Street, London, EC2R 8AH or by email to [enquiries@bankofengland.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@bankofengland.co.uk) for the attention of Wendy Galvin.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

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We collect your personal data to assess your request and prepare our response to you. Our basis to process this data is that it is necessary for us to satisfy a legal obligation.

We will keep your personal data for 10 years. You can request that we no longer use your personal data, by contacting us via the website link below.

You have a number of rights under data protection laws, for example you have the right to ask us for a copy of the personal data the Bank holds about you. This is known as a 'Subject Access Request'. You can ask us to change how we process or deal with your personal data, and you may also have the right in some circumstances to have your personal data amended or deleted. To find out more about those rights, to make a complaint, or to contact our Data Protection Officer, please see our website at

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