



Mr. Hurrell

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Dear Mr. Hurrell

I refer to your recent request for information from this authority. Our response to your request is below.
You have the right to request an internal review if you are not satisfied with any aspect of the way we have handled your request for information or its content.

Once an internal review has been conducted and you still remain dissatisfied you may complain to the Information Commissioner who will decide whether the request has been handled properly.

Please note: The Information Commissioner cannot generally make a decision unless our internal review process has first been exhausted. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

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Subject: Complaint to DEFRA

Details of Request:

Further to my request in the light of the information provided could I please have:

1. Copies of any responses to the complaint HBC received from DEFRA (apart from the auto response 21/01/2019 already provided)
2. The date(s) of any responses from DEFRA
3. Copies of any further correspondence from HBC to DEFRA on this issue
4. The date(s) of any further correspondence with DEFRA on this issue

Previous request:

The Cabinet briefing document refers to a complaint made in 2019 to DEFRA because of the delays in dealing with the byelaws.

"10. The council, through the Chief Legal Officer, lodged an official complaint in 2019

to DEFRA over the unacceptable delay."

<https://hastings.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s37679/Local Nature Reserves - Byelaws.pdf>:

I recently requested details of this complaint from DEFRA using EIR:

"Copies of the complaint lodged by HBC and all associated correspondence"

DEFRA have responded that they hold no information concerning this complaint from HBC.

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/hastings_borough_council_draft_1_2#incoming-1540718

This information is not held

Response:

We did not have a formal response from DEFRA following our online complaint, however, they did respond without further delay by getting on with the initial approval.

End of Request

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