

10 May 2017

Our ref: RFI 3856



By email only

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Dear Mr Foster

Access to Information request – Refusal Notice – Request No RFI 3856

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 9 April 2017. Your request has been carefully considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ("EIR's").

You specially asked for:

Could you please provide me with copies of any communications between Natural England and either;

***The New Forest National Park Authority
Forestry Commission New Forest District.***

That discusses off-road bicycle/pedal cycle access, or the recorded or potential effects of off road cycle access on protected species within the New Forest.

We wrote to you on the 13 April and 3 May 2017 to explain your request is very broad and could cover an enormous amount of information; and ask you to be more specific about the time period covered by your request for correspondence. The amount of relevant information is substantial and would significantly exceed the guideline 18 hours threshold under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Following careful consideration, I have therefore decided not to disclose this information. This letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

However, if you can confirm the specific time period covered by your request for correspondence then please contact us.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us. As you may be aware, under the legislation should you have any concerns with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, please email foi@naturalengland.org.uk

Under Regulation 11(2) this needs to be done no later than 40 working days after the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of that complaint, or the review of our decision, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Natural England. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone: 01625 545 700, www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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