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WHAT DO THEY KNOW?

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Please ask for: Carol Donovan
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Dear Mr Thornton

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)

Further to your request, which has been handled under the above legislation, please see our response below. You asked to be supplied with any information Solihull Council holds about a proposed road linking A46 Stoneleigh junction with Kirby Corner.

We can confirm that the Council holds very little information about this matter. We have only been able to identify two documents, which were supplied to us by Coventry City Council. However, we are unable to disclose these because they are unfinished pieces of work and are relying upon Regulation 12 (4)(d) EIR in doing so. This regulation provides an exception from the duty to disclose, where the information is material in the course of completion, unfinished documents and incomplete data.

The proposal is in the very early stages of development and Coventry City Council explained they have not benefited from the level of scheme development and appraisal, which it would reasonably require to undertake before publication. Officers need thinking space to explore various options, to debate, to have free and frank discussions and to verify the accuracy of information, when formulating proposals such as this (often referred to as a "safe space"). Disclosing information that is incomplete is not in the public interest, as it may blight properties and misinform individuals for example.

As this is not a Solihull scheme, it is unclear whether we will be provided with further information in the future. However, we can confirm that Coventry City Council anticipate making available further information on the proposals by December 2016, after which a consultation exercise will be undertaken.

Therefore, this response acts as a refusal notice under Regulation 14 EIR.

We trust this information is of assistance. However, if you wish to request a review of our decision or make a complaint about how your request has been handled, you should write to the following address or reply to the email to which this letter is attached:

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Your request for an internal review should be submitted to us within 40 days of receipt by you of this response. Any requests received after this time will be considered at the discretion of the Corporate Information Governance Manager.

If having exhausted the review process you are not content that your request or review has been dealt with correctly, you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO will not make a decision until you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the council. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate). Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

We will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely,

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