



# Hampshire County Council

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Dear Mr Whiteside

## Internal Review

I am writing in response to your email dated 3 January in which you requested an Internal Review into the response to your Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) request. Your EIR related to highway works at Brislands Lane.

I have been assigned to undertake this review. My understanding of your complaint relating to your response is that you feel the response is incomplete. You provided a list of information that you believe "should be available":

- +++ *Record of consultation with Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service [HFRS]*
- +++ *regarding their requirements, including the type of appliance that*
- +++ *should be catered for, Updated tracking drawing[s], showing the extent of 'hardstanding' required to provide safe, fire vehicle access, Construction details showing that the 'hardstanding' is able to safely take the weight of an appliance of [at least] 12.5 tonnes.*
- +++ *Details of how vehicular access will be appropriately restricted to*
- +++ *emergency vehicles only, Details of measures to keep the access TO the site CLEAR AT ALL TIMES.*
- +++ *The Council's WRITTEN APPROVAL, referencing specific, detailed drawings including [but not restricted to] the matters listed above.*
- +++ *Details of coordination with the "... work being carried out by SSEN to put in electricity cables for the new development ..." as per the update from Cllr Rob Humby, reported in The Herald of 16 November 2017.*

Your information request was handled under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). These are very similar to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) but apply specifically to requests for information related to the environment.

**Barbara Beardwell MA Solicitor**  
Head of Law & Governance & Monitoring Officer  
**John Coughlan CBE**  
Chief Executive

An authority that receives a request for information is allowed to decide whether the request is more appropriately handled as an FOI or EIR request. I find that it was appropriate for your request to be handled under EIR.

I have consulted with officers from the Economy, Transport and Environment department. They have confirmed that, with both this request and your previous requests on this topic, you have received all information that Hampshire County Council holds relevant to the approval of the emergency access on Brislands Lane and the County Council holds no further information relevant to your request.

I have been advised that the information supplied by the developer (including information provided at the planning stage, such as the tracking drawing) was deemed sufficient to allow the authority's engineers to assess the scheme. The authority does not normally consult the Fire and Rescue Service on such applications and, in line with that general approach, did not consult it in this case.

This concludes my Internal Review. I do not uphold your complaint about your response for the reasons outlined above. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner at the following address. Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jenny Holden-Warren'.

Jenny Holden-Warren  
Senior Information Governance Officer