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Mr B Dean

Via Email:

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Your Ref:

Our Ref: IR/ 1788

Date: 14 April, 2017

Dear Mr Dean

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST – 760/17

I refer to your email of the 20th March, 2017 seeking an internal review of the response previously provided to your FOIA request, reference above.

In accordance with the Constabulary's FOIA complaints procedure a review of the handling of your request has now been undertaken.

Your request, which was received on the 1st February, 2017, was as follows:

Please can I be provided with the written notice requesting "Advance Notice" permitting the 15 minute "slow walks" of all lorries entering the Cuadrilla development site commencing January January 2017.

Therefore as well as the "Advance Notice" please can I be supplied with any other written emails, letters or legal agreements between Lancashire Police the organisers who applied for the "Advance Notice" and all other interested parties to include Cuadrilla group of associated companies.

Finally, if the 15 minute "slow walks" are being undertaken just by a verbal agreement please confirm all parties that agreed to a verbal agreement and how this complies with the requirements of Part II (1) of the 1986 Act requiring advance notice of processions.

The response was considered in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, as opposed to the Environmental Information Regulations, which you have also referenced within your request. It is considered that this was the correct avenue through which your request should be considered.

A response was provided on the 20th March, 2017, outside of the statutory timescale. I apologise for the delay in responding. The Constabulary seeks to comply with the statutory deadline for responses and does so in the majority of cases. However, on

this occasion the response was late due to the delay in a response from the officers who were able to advise on whether such information was held, because of the competing demands on their time.

The initial response provided to your request was as follows:

Please be advised that there is no formal agreement between Cuadrilla and Lancashire Constabulary. We have not received any advance notice of Public Processions and the 15 minute slow walks were agreed between Cuadrilla and a number of protest groups. The slow walks were facilitated within a compound controlled by Cuadrilla. We therefore have no recorded information to provide in response to this request.

As a consequence of your internal review request further enquiries have been undertaken following which I can confirm that, in accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act, no information is held in relation to the 'Advance Notice' for the reasons previously stated.

If you are not content with the outcome of your FOIA complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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