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Our Ref: MB204/NH
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Date: 14 September 2017

Dear Mr Whittaker

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004
Request for Information – Review of Exemption Decision**

Further to your request for a review of the decision communicated to you on the 4 July 2017.

I have considered your request for a review and the response is set out below.

Your request was for;

1. The digitised version / working copy of your Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way, e.g as used to show the routes in the online map at <http://walkingtheriding.eastriding.gov.uk/>. My preferred format for this GIS data would be one of KML, GeoJSON, MapInfo or Shapefile. (I realise that this data is not the actual Definitive Map, but just an unofficial representation of it, which may contain errors. But that is fine for my purposes).
2. A copy of your Definitive Statements of Public Rights of Way, assuming these are held in digital form (either scanned copies or native digital versions). I would prefer the information in a re-usable computer readable) format. If the Statement information is already contained in the GIS data (it appears to be present in the "Walking the Riding" site) then that will satisfy then that will satisfy this part of the request there is no need to provide anything separately.
3. Secondly, under the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations, I would like to request permission to re-use the information supplied above under the Open Government License v3. The purposes for which the information is to be re- used are: (a) to help improve the mapping Rights of Way in OpenStreetMap, and (b) to convert the datasets to a more convenient format, and then make them available for others to re- use under an open license.

The request was refused under Regulation 6 (1) (b) of the Regulations that the information is already publically available and easily accessible to the applicant in another form.

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Darren Stevens

Interim Director of Corporate Resources



I note the reference you have made to the publication scheme under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However this information is environmental information and as such is dealt with under the Regulations not the Act. The reference to making datasets available for reuse is therefore not applicable.

The equivalent requirement under the Regulations is regulation 4(1)(b) which is to make environmental information available by electronic means which are easily accessible. This has been done by the Council in relation to this information.

I am also satisfied that the exemption applied is applicable in that the information you have asked for is publically available and easily accessible to the applicant in another form or format. There is therefore no requirement on the Council to provide a copy of the information that you have requested. The information that you have requested i.e. the definitive map of public rights of way is available in the interactive rights of way map available on the Council's website.

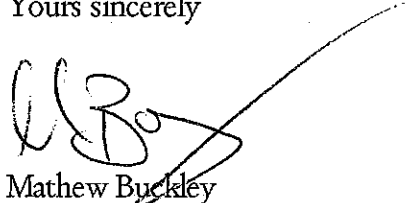
If you remain dissatisfied you can ask the Information Commissioner to review this decision.

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Yours sincerely



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