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Dear Mr Green

Information Request

Thank you for your email of 26 June 2017 and I apologise for the delay in responding. I have responded to each of your points under Regulation 9 of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) which enables public authorities to advise and assist requesters.

You say that you – Hampshire County Council – do not hold the information I requested in my letter of 26th April 2017. That being the case, please confirm the details of which part of the administrative structure in the county does hold this information. For example, should I make the request of the Local Authority? Where is the “department” referred to located?

I can confirm that the department referred to in my letter dated 15 May 2017 is the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. You have requested a list of the all traffic schemes which have been approved but not yet implemented by the council.

I explained in my letter we do not hold such a list and that the information you have requested covers a large proportion of the transport related activities undertaken by the department and the request is considered to be formulated in too general a manner for us to consider.

You say that the request is too broad and would be held by many parts of the “department” and so would take too long to compile. That being the case, please clarify how you reply to these questions when preparing your own Local Search replies?

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Director of Economy, Transport and Environment
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I can advise you that under the Reg. 12(4)(c) Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) public authorities can refuse to handle a request if it is considered to be formulated in too general a manner.

In order to compile the list that you have requested we would have to potentially search thousands of records to extract relevant information and produce a list. This would place a substantial and unreasonable burden on the County Council's resources to produce this information.

Regarding Local Searches, I assume you are referring to searches made typically in a conveyancing situation. You can find details of what information can be provided as part of a land charges search at the link below. However, please note that such searches are based on a specific and clearly detailed property or location.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/searchesrightscharges/landchargessearch>

Approval for large schemes of work and traffic schemes should be recorded by Officer Decisions and all Officer Decision Records (ODRs) should be published on the council's website. Please direct me to where I can look for these ODRs.

It is correct that decision records are made and are available on the County Council's website, via the link provided below. You are able to search the records by a specific keyword, reference or meeting date.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/councillors>

You have asked me to refine my request as you may then be able to help me. This confirms my point above that you do have access to a list of approved by not implemented traffic schemes as set out in my original request. If this is not the case, please indicate which parts of the request you can answer and from where I should seek replies to the remainder.

As explained in my letter of 15 May 2017, we do not hold a list of approved but not yet implemented traffic schemes.

If you could identify a particular project or scheme that you are interested in and be more specific about the information that you require, we may be able to consider providing you with relevant information.

Yours sincerely

DMT Support Team

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