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Thank you for your request for an internal review dated 13 August 2011 of our refusal to provide information in response to your Freedom of Information request F11-232.

The Order cited in response to your original request is widely drafted, and, in the House's view, "information relating to a residential address" is not restricted to the physical location of that address.

However, on further consideration of your request, we have concluded that, in any case, photographs of the private living accommodation of the Speaker and his family constitute personal data, and that disclosure of the information would contravene the data protection principles, especially bearing in mind Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights as reproduced in Article 7 of the European Charter of Fundamental Rights with the duty they include to respect the private and family life and the home of individuals. Under section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act, any photographic information relating to the Speaker's private living accommodation would therefore be exempt from disclosure. Even if the Order did not apply, we would therefore refuse to supply any photographs of the Speaker's private residence.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response, you may appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

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