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Our Ref : JDJ/FOI/427/19
Your Ref :
Date : 31 July 2019
Ask For : Joan Jones
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Dear Ms James

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your email received 30 July 2019 requesting the following information:-

- “1.Can you confirm as to whether your local authority has a Statement of Community Involvement?
2. Can you confirm when the authority published the Statement of Community Involvement?
3. When is your next expected consultation/update?
4. Do you have a publicly available link to the SCI?
5. Is the local Civic Society or Civic Trust identified by the local planning authority as a Consultee (whether Statutory or Non-Statutory) in the Planning System within the Statement of Community Involvement?”

Our obligation

The Council is treating your request as having been made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “Act”).

When dealing with requests for information, the Council’s obligations include:

- (1) confirming or denying whether it holds information of the description specified in the request; and

- (2) Communicating the information requested to the applicant. You should note that this is effectively a decision that the information can be released into the public domain and not simply to the specific applicant.

Under the Act, the Council is required to release any information that it holds to you unless an exemption applies.

Response to your request

I confirm that the information requested is held and can give you the following: -

1. Yes
2. June 2006
3. October 2019
4. Yes - please see link below
<https://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/statement-of-community-involvement/>
5. No, but details can be added in the updated version.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may ask the Council for an internal review of the decision within 20 working days. Someone other than the person who took the initial decision will conduct the internal review. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Civic Links and FOI Officer at the above address. If, following the internal review, you are still not happy with the outcome; you have the right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliff House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 745
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

If you have any further queries, please contact me either in writing at the above address or by telephone on 01773 841601 and quote your ID No 427/19.

To help us to improve the quality of our responses to future Freedom of Information requests, any feedback you may have on this response would be appreciated. A copy of the Council's Customer Comments leaflet is attached to assist you.

Yours sincerely

Joan D Jones (Mrs)
Civic Links & FOI Officer