

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Planning Application 20101098

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

I am writing to ask if objectors to planning application 20101098 can have access, under the Freedom of Information Act, to all the files on this application. We believe access is crucial for the following reasons:

- 1. In a previous application for the site (20080388) I found, only long after the event, emails in the file for that application that showed that the wildlife officer had far greater concerns about the potential impact of the proposal than was indicated to the planning committee by the case officer's report.**
- 2. We gather from remarks in material put on to the application website that there has been correspondence about drainage problems, in particular; but we have no idea what the full correspondence has been about. This is especially worrying, as we find ourselves dismissed as third parties, with no particular rights in the matter; yet, were inadequate or incorrect information on the flooding problems in this area to be accepted by the planning office, we could find ourselves facing serious problems affecting both our properties and our insurance on them.**
- 3. In addition, information supplied to the planning office has been taking weeks to reach the website - for instance, an ecology report was received by Planning on 1st November last, yet it did not reach the public domain of the website until 5 whole weeks later. Given that there would be little more than a week of notification to us of the application being placed on a planning committee agenda, we feel it is imperative that we have far swifter and far fuller access to information that could affect our futures, so that we can make adequate representations about the application when it comes to be considered.**

This is to confirm that all information that the Council holds on this planning application is now available for public viewing on the Council's website at the following link. www.leicester.gov.uk/planningdatabase. This includes all documents and correspondence.

This information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

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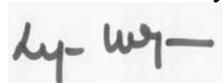
Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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Yours sincerely



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