

14 July 2023

## **ICO case reference – IC-242131-W9Q9**

### **Your request**

*"On 31 May 2022 the Information Commissioner's Office ("ICO") issued a decision (Reference: IC-163717-G9Q4) in relation to the failure of Three Rivers District Council to respond to a Freedom of Information request made on 14 February 2022 requesting information about correspondence and meetings between the council and Warner Brothers.*

*I would please like to request the following information/documents in relation to this decision:*

- 1) All correspondence and documents held by the ICO relating to decision IC-163717-G9Q4.*
- 2) All correspondence and documents relating to the Freedom of Information request made to Three Rivers District Council on 14 February 2022 (as referred to above).*
- 3) Just for clarification, all correspondence and documents received and sent by the ICO in relation to decision IC-163717-G9Q4, including, but not limited to, correspondence from Three Rivers District Council and Warner Bros Studios Leavesden or any companies in the same group of companies."*

We received your request on 14 May 2023.

We have handled your request for records we hold as a public authority under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA).

### **Our response**

#### **FOIA section 40(2)**

Whilst we do information in relation to case reference IC-163717-G9Q4 including a copy of FOIA request made to Three Rivers District Council, all correspondence and documents submitted by the complainant on this case are being withheld because it

is exempt information from disclosure under section 40(2) of FOIA as it constitutes personal data of complainant.

Disclosure of third party personal data would break the first principle of data protection - that personal data is processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner.

There is no strong legitimate interest that would override the prejudice that disclosure would cause to the rights and freedoms of the individuals concerned. So we are withholding the information under section 40(2) of the FOIA.

With regards to final part of your request please find attached below a redacted copy of ICO's correspondence to Three Rivers District Council. You will see that some third party personal data has been redacted. As explained above this is exempt under section 40(2) of the FOIA.

No response was received by the ICO from Three Rivers District Council.

This concludes our response to your request.

### **Next steps**

You can ask us to review our response. Please let us know in writing if you want us to carry out a review. Please do so within 40 working days.

You can read a copy of our full review procedure [here](#).

If we perform a review but you are still dissatisfied, you can complain to the ICO as regulator of the FOIA. This complaint will be handled just like a complaint made to the ICO about any other public authority.

You can [raise a complaint through our website](#).

### **Your information**

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Yours sincerely



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