

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)

Decision notice

Date: 25 March 2025

Public Authority: London Borough of Bexley

Address: Bexley Civic Offices
2 Watling Street
Bexleyheath
Kent
DA6 7AT

1. Request:

The complainant requested the following information from London Borough of Bexley (LBB) on 23 January 2025:

"It was recently reported on social media that "Bexley Council's Traffic Order to unilaterally introduce a 'no right turn' from Footscray Road on to County Gate has been withdrawn, thanks to objections from New Eltham residents and Conservative councillors".

(<https://www.greenwichconservatives.com/news/county-gate-traffic-order-withdrawn-following-objections>)

Can you please share any email correspondence or documents related to the traffic order, including the proposal and the decision not to proceed. Please include email search of keywords "county gate" (in email body) and users Name redacted, Name redacted, Cllr Richard Diment (in "from") from January 1, 2024 to January 18, 2025, and provide a search screenshot.

2. Commissioner's Decision:

A public authority will breach regulation 5(2) of the EIR if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice LBB has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of regulation 5(2).

3. Steps:

LBB must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under the EIR.

LBBC must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

4. Right of Appeal:

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)
GRC & GRP Tribunals,
PO Box 9300,
LEICESTER,
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: grc@justice.gov.uk

Website: www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

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