

# Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) Decision notice

Date: 6 July 2021

Public Authority: South Leverton Parish Council Address: clerk@southleverton-pc.gov.uk

## **Decision (including any steps ordered)**

- 1. The complainant has requested from South Leverton Parish Council (SLPC) copies of feedback forms collected by its Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, following a 'Call for Land'. SLPC refused the request on the grounds that it was manifestly unreasonable within the meaning of regulation 12(4)(b) of the EIR.
- 2. The Commissioner's decision is that SLPC was entitled to rely on regulation 12(4)(b) of the EIR to refuse the request. However, by failing to conduct an internal review it breached regulation 11(4) of the EIR.
- 3. The Commissioner requires no steps as a result of this decision.

#### **Background**

- 4. SLPC arranged for a Steering Group of local volunteers to devise a draft Neighbourhood Plan on its behalf. The complainant is a member of that Steering Group.
- 5. Following a 'Call for Land' to identify suitable sites for development in the area, an Open Forum consultation event was held in October 2019, at which local residents were asked to complete feedback forms on the various sites that had been put forward. The complainant described the forms as follows:

"Each resident, or other interest party, was supposed to be given stapled sheets with numbered plots, to allow for reaction to each plot, with a Positive; Negative; Maybe and comments column.



6. The complainant asked to scrutinise the completed feedback forms. He, along with other Steering Group members, was invited to view the forms at a member's home for a limited time. The complainant said that this was not convenient and he asked to be provided with a personal copy of the completed feedback forms, in electronic format.

#### Request and response

7. On 4 December 2019, in a wider exchange of correspondence about having access to electronic copies of the feedback forms, the complainant wrote to SLPC and requested information in the following terms:

"The documents have been requested to be scanned to allow people to read without any time constraints. These should be distributed ASAP and without further hindrance. They have been requested to be distributed by several people and also under the FOI Act [Freedom of Information Act 2000]."

- 8. There followed further email correspondence between the two parties, in which the complainant asserted what he believed to be his legal right to receive scanned copies of the feedback form responses.
- 9. On 4 January 2020, SLPC informed the complainant that it would attempt to send him the documents in electronic format but this might be problematic, due to the file size.
- 10. On 5 January 2020, the complainant wrote:

"For some time I have been asking for the disclosure of this information under the FOI Act and this is the FIRST response received. There is no reason that these documents could not be PDF scanned but at the worst several USB sticks loaded and distributed to members who can then carefully look over the results at leisure and in detail at home in readiness for fruitful discussions at the next meeting."

- 11. On 9 January 2020, SLPC gave the feedback forms in hard copy to another Steering Group member, who scanned them and shared them with the complainant via PDF. However, the complainant believed the following information was missing:
  - "1. The first sheet of one response
  - 2. Sections of sheets from another response
  - 3. No copy whatsoever of my own submission."



12. The complainant also objected to the manner in which the information was communicated to him (via a third party, rather than from SLPC directly) and not in the format he had requested, stating:

"The distribution of documents which are in the Public Domain is not subject to the Steering Group dictates and when requested under the FOI Act such documents should be immediately distributed, especially as there had been produced a memory stick with the information, which would have cost but little time to copy or even to distribute electronically as request."

- 13. On 17 January 2020, SLPC formally responded to the request by saying that it did not hold the requested information. It said the information was held by the Steering Group, which it said was not part of SLPC.
- 14. The Commissioner considered SLPC's claim that it did not hold the information in a decision notice issued under reference FS50904425<sup>1</sup>. She found that the information was held by the Steering Group on behalf of SLPC. The decision notice ordered SLPC to issue a fresh response to the request.
- 15. On 23 July 2020, SLPC issued a fresh response to the request. It refused to comply with it, saying that the information was exempt from disclosure under regulations 12(4)(b) (manifestly unreasonable), 12(5)(f) (interests of provider) and 13(1) (personal data) of the EIR. It told the complainant that it would not correspond further on the matter.
- 16. The complainant requested an internal review of the decision on 27 July 2020, but received no further communication from SLPC about the request.

#### Scope of the case

17. The complainant contacted the Commissioner on 20 August 2020 to complain about the fresh response to his request. He disagreed with SLPC's decision to refuse his request.

18. The Commissioner spoke with SLPC on 20 August 2020 and it confirmed that, because of the background to the matter, it would not be conducting an internal review of its decision.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://ico.org.uk/media/action-weve-taken/decision-notices/2020/2618079/fs50904425.pdf



19. The analysis below considers whether SLPC was entitled to rely on regulation 12(4)(b) of the EIR to refuse to comply with the request. Having found that it was, the Commissioner did not proceed to consider the other exceptions cited by SLPC.

#### Reasons for decision

20. The Commissioner established that the request was for environmental information and fell to be dealt with under the EIR in her previous decision notice, issued under reference FS50904425. Her analysis can be read in that decision notice and it has not been reproduced here.

# Regulation 12(4)(b) - manifestly unreasonable request

- 21. Regulation 12(4)(b) of the EIR provides that a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that the request for information is manifestly unreasonable.
- 22. The term "manifestly unreasonable" is not defined in the EIR. However, the Commissioner follows the lead of the Upper Tribunal in *Craven v Information Commissioner & DECC*<sup>2</sup>.
- 23. In *Craven*, the Tribunal found that there is, in practice, no difference between a request that is vexatious under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and one which is manifestly unreasonable under the EIR save that the public authority must also consider the balance of public interest when refusing a request under the EIR. The Commissioner is therefore guided by the Tribunal's approach to identifying vexatious requests, in addition to her published guidance<sup>3</sup>.
- 24. A differently constituted Upper Tribunal considered the issue of vexatious requests in *Information Commissioner v Devon CC & Dransfield*<sup>4</sup>. The Upper Tribunal's approach, subsequently upheld in the Court of Appeal, established that the concepts of proportionality and justification are relevant to any consideration of whether a request is vexatious. The Commissioner considers that these concepts are equally

<sup>3</sup> https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1198/dealing-with-vexatious-requests.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> [2012] UKUT 442 (AAC)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> [2012] UKUT 440 (AAC)



relevant when assessing whether a request for environmental information is manifestly unreasonable.

- 25. The Upper Tribunal found it instructive to assess the question of whether a request is vexatious by considering four broad issues:
  - (i) The burden imposed by the request (on the public authority and its staff);
  - (ii) The motive of the requester;
  - (iii) The value or serious purpose of the request; and
  - (iv) Any harassment or distress of and to staff.
- 26. The Upper Tribunal did, however, also caution that these considerations were not meant to be exhaustive. Rather it stressed the:

"importance of adopting a holistic and broad approach to the determination of whether a request is vexatious or not, emphasising the attributes of manifest unreasonableness, irresponsibility and, especially where there is a previous course of dealings, the lack of proportionality that typically characterise vexatious requests" (paragraph 45).

## The complainant's position

- 27. The complainant explained that he has concerns about the decisions made by the Steering Group with regard to the Neighbourhood Plan, and the conduct of particular Group members. He alleged that several members have a pecuniary interest in the outcome of the 'Call for Land', because they themselves have submitted plots of land for consideration. He believed this compromised their impartiality when making decisions about which plots to take forward. He claimed that his own feedback form was not among those considered by the Steering Group. He suggested that, as it was critical of the plot submitted by one of the Group members, this might have been a deliberate omission.
- 28. He considered that the feedback forms should be available from SLPC to all members of the Steering Group equally, when at present access to them seemed to be controlled by a minority with a vested interest in particular sites being chosen. He felt that the initial invitation to Steering Group members to view the papers in a particular Group member's home "...did not allow for time to properly read; properly comment and more especially allow for critical analysis of the papers." He felt that Steering Group members had not been treated equally and that the information should be disclosed so as to permit all Steering Group members, "a rightful examination of the documents in a methodical manner with time for a true analysis with thought being given... as a



member of the Steering Group no such information would be disclosed outside of the confines of the members of the same Group".

- 29. The complainant was under the impression that no data protection concerns would arise regarding the disclosure of any personal data in the feedback forms, as disclosure was only being requested to himself, a member of the Steering Group who, it was agreed, could have access to them. However, the Commissioner's published position is that disclosure under the EIR is to the world at large (in other words, it is regarded as an unrestricted disclosure into the public domain). The request has therefore been considered on that basis as it is outside the Commissioner's jurisdiction to make any determination on restricted disclosures.
- 30. The complainant also made a number of complaints about the Steering Group's operation and procedures, and about how the 'Call for Land' was being taken forward, which fall completely outside of the Commissioner's remit and will not be considered in this decision notice. It is not for the Commissioner to consider how the Steering Group should be run by SLPC and she has not done so.

#### SLPC's position

- 31. In a series of detailed responses, which included supporting information, SLPC explained its reasons for considering the request manifestly unreasonable.
- 32. Setting out the background to the matter, it explained that South Leverton is a very small rural village community, comprising 195 houses. All parish councillors are volunteers who give up their time to look after the welfare of the village.
- 33. It said that the complainant is a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Following the October 2019 Open Forum, Steering Group members were invited to view the feedback forms at another member's home. The complainant said this was not convenient and he requested to be provided with personal copies.
- 34. This was subsequently arranged, with the former Chairman of the Parish Council giving them to another Steering Group member who scanned them and passed a PDF containing the scan, to the complainant. However, he remained dissatisfied with the arrangement. He said the scanned information was incomplete and that he should have received a formal response to his request from SLPC itself. He believed that the Planning Officer for the area's district council had taken the feedback forms after the Open Forum and scanned them onto a memory stick, which he had then provided to SLPC. The complainant wanted a copy of that memory stick.



35. SLPC told the Commissioner that it was unaware of the existence of this memory stick and that it did not hold a copy. Furthermore, it said that it had contacted the district council's Planning Officer who did not hold a copy either.

- 36. During the Commissioner's investigation, in an attempt to resolve the matter informally, SLPC offered to disclose copies of all the feedback forms it held to the complainant, outside of the scope of the EIR. It did so because it believed that some of the forms contained the personal data of respondents, which should not be subject to an unrestricted disclosure into the public domain. It was prepared to disclose the information to the complainant because he was a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group which would, going forward, be analysing the responses.
- 37. The complainant declined this offer, labelling it a "gagging clause" and an attempt to "blackmail" him into withdrawing his complaint to the Commissioner. SLPC said that his refusal to compromise in this way, and his portrayal of its offer as "blackmail", suggested that the request was manifestly unreasonable:

"Once Covid restrictions ease and the Bi-election has filled the vacancies on the parish council, the steering group meetings for the Neighbourhood Plan will recommence, the complainant will then have access at these meetings to the original raw data along with the other steering group members, to analyse this, if the complainant had allowed the Council to provide the full paper copy the complainant could have had the opportunity to work on the data, and even crossmatched it with the raw data at the future steering group meeting."

- 38. SLPC explained that the Parish Clerk is only contracted to work for six hours a week and has no other employed administration staff. It said that responding to the complainant's persistent requests and complaints was increasingly coming to dominate his available time. As an example, it said:
  - "...the Clerk has had to spend at least 5hrs of the 6 hour week just today investigating and preparing this response [regarding the complaint to the Commissioner] with the Council members. There has been around 10 occasions where the complainant has replied every time the council have replied to fully address the aspects of the compliant [sic]."
- 39. It said that the complainant persistently attempts to re-open matters which have been properly dealt with:

"Sideways of this request for the data, the complainant has made complaints to the West Lindsey and Bassetlaw Council Monitoring Officers about a variety of subjects and issues, some linked to the



neighbourhood plan, a lot of which are personal views and not legal transgressions...Whenever the Council has reached out and answered complaints in full via the previous chairman and clerk or by the current council then the complainant continues to complain in a similar vane [sic] and to other bodies such as the ICO and Monitoring Officer, the council offers this behaviour as evidence of being manifestly unreasonable."

- 40. SLPC also provided the Commissioner with an example of correspondence it had had with the complainant in 2012, in which the complainant continued to complain about a matter despite having received a considered response from SLPC. It said this demonstrated a pattern of intransigence and unreasonable persistence on his part. In light of these behaviours, it felt that responding to this request would not be the end of the matter. Rather, it would encourage further enquiries and complaints from the complainant.
- 41. SLPC provided the Commissioner with information about the effect that dealing with the complainant had had on some of its councillors and staff, including the manner in which the complainant sometimes conducted himself and the frequency of his correspondence. SLPC said that several councillors had recently resigned and it had concerns about its ability to recruit and retain replacements from within such a small community. Should that happen, SLPC would cease to exist.
- 42. SLPC had informed the complainant in March 2020 that it considered his behaviour unacceptable and it asked him to modify his behaviour.
- 43. However, SLPC said that the pattern of behaviour continues. The complainant recently attended parish council and public meetings where he disrupted and dominated proceedings and repeatedly and publicly made unfounded allegations about the conduct of individual councillors with regard to the Neighbourhood Plan, and he persistently voices grievances and criticisms about related matters.
- 44. SLPC said that the evidence it had supplied demonstrated that the complainant's behaviour was persistent and unreasonable and was unlikely to cease even if it complied with this request. In view of the information it had shared with him on 9 January 2020 it believed he was already in possession of the requested information, and it noted that he had refused a further, informal, disclosure to him, which might have addressed his concerns. SLPC said that it had very limited resources and that dealing with his enquiries and complaints was dominating them and impacting on its service provision to other members of the community.



#### The Commissioner's decision

- 45. In the Commissioner's view, regulation 12(4)(b) of the EIR enables public authorities to refuse requests which have the potential to impose a disproportionate or unjustified level of burden, disruption, irritation or distress. Balancing the impact of a request against its purpose and value can help to determine whether the effect on the public authority would be disproportionate.
- 46. The Commissioner has considered both the complainant's position and SLPC's arguments regarding the request in this case. In reaching a decision she has balanced the purpose and value of the request against the detrimental effect on SLPC of responding to it.
- 47. Regarding the first issue considered in *Dransfield*, as to whether or not the request was burdensome, the Commissioner notes SLPC's representations about the impact of dealing with this request on its limited administrative resources, and the way in which dealing with the complainant's requests and complaints is increasingly coming to dominate them. The Parish Clerk has six hours a week in which to deal with all council business. The Commissioner accepts that complying with this request would not simply be a matter of handing the information to the complainant. Contrary to what the complainant believes, disclosure under the EIR is regarded as being to the world at large and not just to himself. It would therefore be necessary to make a copy of the feedback forms (361 pages in all), then go through them to redact any personal data. The Commissioner has seen examples of completed feedback forms and notes that some contain the names and addresses of respondents, together with their comments on certain plots of land and whether or not they support them. SLPC has said that at the Open Forum it gave verbal assurances that the forms would not be more widely shared. As the data protection regulator, the Commissioner would not expect such information to be disclosed to the world at large without consent, which SLPC has not obtained.
- 48. The Commissioner also notes that disclosure would be unlikely to be the end of the matter, as the complainant has a pattern of following up and challenging SLPC's responses. As an example, when rejecting SLPC's offer to disclose the information informally to him, she notes that the complainant submitted a new request for "...ALL documents; notes and information" held by SLPC, which he stipulated must be dealt with under the EIR or the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
- 49. While SLPC must expect to have to allocate some resources to responding to requests for information under the EIR, having considered all of the above, the Commissioner considers that compliance with this request would impose an unreasonable burden on SLPC which runs the



risk of impacting on service levels afforded to other members of the community.

- 50. The Commissioner has then looked to the second element identified in *Dransfield*: the motive of the requester.
- 51. The complainant says he requires the information in connection with his work as a member of the Steering Group. While all Steering Group members had the opportunity to view the documents *in situ*, he says he needs time to be able to properly review and analyse the responses provided to the 'Call for Land' and that this necessitates him being provided with a copy by SLPC.
- 52. On that point, the Commissioner notes that the complainant is already able to have access to this information by virtue of his membership of the Steering Group, and that SLPC has offered to disclose it to him on that basis, outside of the EIR. In view of this, the Commissioner considers that it is not an appropriate use of the EIR to seek the disclosure of information which the complainant is already eligible to receive as a member of the Steering Group.
- 53. Turning to the third issue identified in *Dransfield*, the purpose and value of the request, the Commissioner has noted its wider context and background.
- 54. The complainant says that he is concerned that the Neighbourhood Plan decision-making process is being led by people with a vested interest in plots of land they own being taken forward for development. He views this as corruption and has suggested that the Commissioner should consider reporting the matter to the police. However, the Commissioner has seen no evidence which bears out this allegation and such action would be outside her remit.
- 55. He has also suggested that his feedback form was not among the bundle that he received and that it may have been removed because it was critical of some of the proposed plots. SLPC says it has no way of knowing whether or not the complainant's form is in the bundle, as some forms were submitted anonymously. The complainant believes that the scan supposedly made by the Planning Officer for the area's district council would shed light on this. However, SLPC has no knowledge of this and it does not hold a copy. It can only provide him with what it does hold paper copies of the feedback forms which it says were already provided to him on 9 January 2020. Disclosure under the EIR would therefore not appear to add anything new which the complainant does not already have.
- 56. In considering the purpose and value of the request, the Commissioner notes that SLPC says that the complainant is already in possession of a copy of all the information it holds. While it maintains that the bundle

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which was shared with him on 9 January 2020 was a complete disclosure, SLPC has nevertheless offered to arrange a fresh disclosure of the bundle, in case there are discrepancies arising from when it was scanned by the other Steering Group member. The Commissioner notes that his privileged position as a member of the Group means that he could readily receive the information outside of the EIR, without any redaction being necessary and with much less burden to SLPC, but that he will not accede to this.

- 57. Finally, looking at the fourth issue identified in *Dransfield*, on the question of harassment or distress of, and to, staff, SLPC has provided evidence that some of its councillors and staff have found the complainant's demands to be stressful. The Commissioner has seen no evidence that the complainant has acted to mitigate this when these effects were explained to him.
- 58. The Commissioner also understands that the complainant considers that SLPC personnel have harassed him. She understands this stems from an occasion when the complainant was visited at home by a councillor. Clearly, the relationship between the two sides is strained. However, she has noted that the complainant's behaviour has sometimes had the effect of upsetting SLPC personnel and disrupting its work for no justifiable gain.
- 59. The Commissioner notes that when SLPC offered to compromise by disclosing information outside of the EIR, the complainant immediately dismissed the initiative as a "gagging order" and "an attempt at blackmail", an allegation which he repeated to the Commissioner. The Commissioner asks both parties in EIR and FOIA matters to be open to compromise and considered SLPC's offer to be a pragmatic way forward, which might have enabled the complainant to achieve his stated objective of having access to the information he required for the Steering Group work. That he rejected this offer led the Commissioner to believe that he was careless of disrupting the work of SLPC.
- 60. Taking all the above into account, the Commissioner is satisfied that SLPC has demonstrated that complying with the request would place an unreasonable burden on it, a small parish council with limited resources and a member of staff who works only six hours a week. She considers that SLPC has shown that it would be required to spend a disproportionate amount of time and resources on dealing with the request, potentially undermining its ability to carry out its core functions. Furthermore, she found that the purpose and value of the request carries insufficient weight to justify this disruption.
- 61. For the reasons set out above, the Commissioner is satisfied that the request is manifestly unreasonable and therefore that regulation 12(4)(b) of the EIR is engaged.



#### Public interest

62. Regulation 12(4)(b) is subject to a public interest test. The Commissioner must decide whether the balance of the public interest favours complying with the request or maintaining the exception.

#### Public interest arguments favouring disclosure

- 63. The complainant has not explained why disclosing the information would be in the wider public interest. As set out above, he appears under the mistaken impression that an EIR disclosure may be made confidentially, to him alone, which it cannot.
- 64. The Commissioner recognises that there is an inherent expectation of transparency and accountability in relation to the way in which public money is spent and to the parish council's decision-making, particularly in relation to projects which may impact the environment. She also acknowledges that public confidence in local planning matters will increase the more open the planning process is to scrutiny, particularly where there may be concerns about conflicts of interest.

Public interest arguments favouring maintaining the exception

- 65. SLPC said that the information was only of interest to a very small group of people and that an analysis of the responses would be published in due course.
- 66. The Commissioner's published guidance on regulation 12(4)(b)<sup>5</sup> says that many of the issues relevant to the public interest test will have already been considered when deciding if this exception is engaged. This is because engaging the exception includes some consideration of the proportionality and value of the request.
- 67. The Commissioner considers that public authorities must be able to protect themselves and their resources from requests which are manifestly unreasonable and it is in the wider public interest for them to do so.

<sup>5</sup> https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1615/manifestly-unreasonable-requests.pdf



#### Balance of the public interest

- 68. Since the Commissioner is satisfied that the exception at regulation 12(4)(b) is engaged, it follows that she accepts that the request is manifestly unreasonable. The question is whether the public interest in maintaining the exception is strong enough to outweigh the public interest in disclosure.
- 69. The Commissioner has carefully considered the public interest arguments on both sides. The Commissioner accepts that compliance with the request would cause SLPC an unjustified burden for the reasons set out above. There is a considerable public interest in protecting public authorities from burdensome requests, where the value of the requested information does not justify the work required to comply with the request. While the complainant has raised concerns about conflicts of interest, an independent investigation found that a named councillor did not act improperly. SLPC says that the other individuals named by the complainant have publicly declared any interest they may have and this satisfies the public interest in transparency.
- 70. The Commissioner noted that the complainant is aggrieved about the way SLPC is operating the Steering Group, however, she does not consider this to be a strong public interest argument in favour of requiring a public authority to comply with a manifestly unreasonable request. The concerns the complainant has expressed about how the Steering Group operates and members' access to the feedback forms are matters for him and SLPC, and are not for the Commissioner to determine.
- 71. The Commissioner also has concerns about the use of the formal access mechanism provided by the EIR, to access information the complainant can already access through informal means.
- 72. The Commissioner considers that the public interest in this case lies in ensuring that SLPC's resources are used effectively. Since SLPC says it has already shared all the information it holds with the complainant, the Commissioner has decided that there is greater public interest in it being able to focus its resources on core parish council matters, rather than on continuing to deal with a request for information which the complainant already has.
- 73. The Commissioner therefore decided that the balance of the public interest favours maintaining the exception at regulation 12(4)(b) of the EIR. As a result SLPC was entitled to rely on that exception to refuse the request.



### Regulation 12(2) - Presumption in favour of disclosure

74. Regulation 12(2) of the EIR requires a public authority to apply a presumption in favour of disclosure when relying on any of the regulation 12 exceptions. As stated in the Upper Tribunal decision *Vesco v Information Commissioner* (SGIA/44/2019)<sup>6</sup>:

"If application of the first two stages has not resulted in disclosure, a public authority should go on to consider the presumption in favour of disclosure..."

and

- "... the presumption serves two purposes: (1) to provide the default position in the event that the interests are equally balanced and (2) to inform any decision that may be taken under the regulations" (paragraph 19).
- 75. As set out above, in this case the Commissioner's view is that the balance of the public interests favours the maintenance of the exception, rather than being equally balanced. This means that the Commissioner's decision, whilst informed by the presumption in favour of disclosure provided for in regulation 12(2), is that the exception provided by regulation 12(4)(b) was applied correctly.

# Regulation 11 - representations and reconsideration

- 76. Regulation 11(1) of the EIR provides the right for requesters to request a review of the handling of their request.
- 77. Regulation 11(4) states that once a public authority has received a request for a review it must respond as soon as possible, and no later than 40 working days after it receives the internal review request.
- 78. In this case SLPC declined to conduct an internal review. It therefore did not comply with the requirements of regulation 11(4) of the EIR.
- 79. The Commissioner uses intelligence gathered from individual cases to inform her insight and compliance function. This aligns with the goal in

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5d7a6a2340f0b61d01bba991/SGIA\_44\_2019.pdf



her draft "Openness by design" strategy to improve standards of accountability, openness and transparency in a digital age. The Commissioner aims to increase the impact of FOIA enforcement activity through targeting of systemic non-compliance, consistent with the approaches set out in her "Regulatory Action Policy".

<sup>7</sup> https://ico.org.uk/media/about-the-ico/consultations/2614120/foi-strategy-document.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> https://ico.org.uk/media/about-the-ico/documents/2259467/regulatory-action-policy.pdf



## Right of appeal

80. 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: <a href="mailto:grc@justice.gov.uk">grc@justice.gov.uk</a>

Website: <a href="https://www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-">www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-</a>

<u>chamber</u>

- 81. If you wish to appeal against a decision notice, you can obtain information on how to appeal along with the relevant forms from the Information Tribunal website.
- 82. 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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