Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Decision notice

Date: **31 January 2025**

Public Authority: **Hertford Heath Parish Council**

Address: **PO Box 399**
Hertford
SG13 9LA

1. Request:

The complainant requested the following information from Hertford Heath Parish Council on 22 November 2024:

"As a follow-up, and to further support transparency and public understanding of how the Neighbourhood Plan has evolved and the next steps, I kindly request the following:
A copy of the recommendations and advice issued by Aecom and Locality for revising the SEA to assess impacts other than Heritage impacts and re-running the Regulation 14 consultation, as referenced in the email exchange with East Herts District Council."

2. Commissioner's Decision:

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA 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 the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

3. Steps:

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority 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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