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Subject: RE: FOI 18/646

Dear Councillor Taylor,

Thank you for your email dated 10th September 2018 in which you have requested information in connection with all correspondence in relation to the strategic site at Borough Green Gardens between November 2016 and 3rd September 2018. A copy of your request is reproduced below for ease of information.

Having reviewed the information you have requested, as required by the Act, I am able to advise that we do hold some of the specific information that you have asked for. The email account of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health has been deleted, so I do not have access to any correspondence directly between that account and the people you have requested, but I do have some correspondence where copied in.

I have reviewed the total number of emails, meetings, notes and telephone conversations over this period and I can advise that this would necessitate officers reviewing every single correspondence to redact any personal data/information as required by the GDPR (2018) and any commercially confidential information. This would fall within the scope of the Environmental Information Regulations and in particular the exception set out at Regulation 12(4)(b) as it would be “manifestly unreasonable” insofar that it would create unreasonable costs or an unreasonable diversion of resources. I would consider that provision of this information would take an officer in the region of 37 hours to complete conclusively and in full.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, then you may ask the Council to conduct an internal review of your case by writing to the Council’s FOI Team (foi@tmbc.gov.uk). If you are still not content after the Council has conducted an internal review of your case, then you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by the Borough Council.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted in writing at: The Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please quote the reference number at the top of this email in any future correspondence about this request.

Yours Sincerely

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