

On Thursday 20 September 2018, at 8:18 PM, Sarah Dexter wrote:

Dear Mr Sam Townley.

Could you please ask the examiner Mr. Timothy Jones if he would be willing to have a look at this email and the PDF attached - the reasons and explanations I have given below - and take into consideration the time scale of when I originally requested this information and the time it has taken to get back to me. I am hoping he will take this into consideration as I feel this may be of importance.

May 10th 2017 - I wrote to the Goring Parish Council requesting information from the Goring Neighbour Hood Plan regarding correspondence between themselves and Bramhill Consultants.

June 8th 2017 - received email response saying the Goring Parish Council did not hold this information.

June 27th 2017 - After again requesting the information from the Goring Neighbourhood Plan - received email saying that the Chair of the site selection group was the only person responsible for communication between the GNP and Bramhill consultants by email and refused to give the information I requested also Bramhill Consultants refused to give the information.

July 3rd 2017 - I contacted the commissioner at the ICO. Freedom of Information and raised a complaint about the way my request had been handled.

I started this case way back in July 2017 -But it has taken the ICO. 1 year and 1 month to investigate it and come up with their decision. I have on many occasions express my concern to the ICO. on the time span it was taking - especially I would have liked to have had this information to submit in the SODC 6-week consultation made available to us - which I informed them of. Unfortunately, it is out of my hands and they have only just come back to me now with their decision.

As we the Wallingford road Residence Group feel this information may be of importance - we will be most grateful if Mr. Timothy Jones can take a look at it.

Below is a short letter written for Mr. Timothy Jones by one of the WRRG with a brief explanation of the findings of the ICO. and attached is the Information Commissioner decision after his investigations.

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Dear Mr. Timothy Jones

I am writing in relation to your examination of the Goring on Thames Neighbourhood Plan.

During the development of the Plan I tried on a number of occasions to seek information relating to correspondence between the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and their consultants using the Freedom of Information Act. I and my neighbours felt that this information would help us to understand why some otherwise inexplicable decisions had been made in the development of the plan. Despite this information clearly falling under the scope of the FOI the Goring Neighbourhood Plan and Goring Parish Council refused to provide the information.

After a lengthy investigation over 13 months the Information Commissioner has now confirmed that the Parish Council is required to provide the information requested if it is held by either the Council or its working groups and directed them to provide the appropriate information. I attach a copy of their decision for information.

It is not clear whether this information will have any bearing on the outcome of the Plan, but since the Council failed to make available information relating to the development of the Plan during its development as required by the FOI, I am requesting that you defer your judgement on the Plan until this information has been made available. Further, I would like to request that we be permitted to make further representation to you if the information withheld by the Parish Council is of relevance to decisions made in the Plan.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Sarah Jane Dexter

on behalf of the Wallingford Road Residents Group