



04 July 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 786/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request/Response:

Under the legislation I would like to ask you to answer the following questions as soon as possible please:

1. How much extra funding has Rutland county council applied for and when will it be available?

Answer: Rutland County Council has applied for funding from a number of sources including the Housing Infrastructure Fund, One Public Estate and Government Grant Funding. In making any application the Council considers the benefits and any restrictions on its future. To date Rutland County Council has bid for in excess of £30m of funding – not all has been released and is unlikely to be released for number of months.

2. What monetary gain will Rutland County Council make from the disposal of MOD land and SGB development?

Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

3. What costs have the council incurred so far regarding this project?

Answer: Since this is an MOD project the Council does not hold information regarding the anticipated expenditure and return within the life of the project. All costs are charged against the project so costs incurred by RCC are considered to be de-minimis.

4. There is a large number of affordable sized housing on or around the MOD land at present, a large proportion of these seem to be empty already. Please state what proportion of the total are empty?

Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold details of the housing owned or leased by the MOD or whether it is vacant.

5. When these properties are no longer required, why can't they be rented out by MOD for local people who may need them?

Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information

6. What appeal stages are available to local residents?

Answer: Rutland County Council is intending to undertake a further non-statutory consultation regarding the implications of St Georges for the Local Plan. Whatever is the outcome from this, the next stage of the Local Plan will be to produce a Proposed Submission Local plan which will be the subject of a 6 week public consultation to enable representations to be made as to the soundness of the Local Plan. Valid representations will be sent with the Proposed Submission Local Plan to the Secretary of State who will appoint an Inspector to undertake a Public Examination of the Local Plan.

7. Why has the Edith Weston village development plan developed and agreed by the population of Edith Weston (and later accepted by Rutland County Council into their existing plan) been so absolutely disregarded?

Answer: Please be advised that this questions that you have asked do not fall within the Freedom of Information Act legislation. The Information Commissioners Office provides guidance on what is covered by the Freedom of Information Act., which can be found at the following link:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-freedom-of-information/what-is-the-foi-act/>

The Act covers any recorded information only and not information that is in someone's head (recorded information includes printed documents, computer files, letters, emails, photographs, and sound or video recordings).

8. Can any new "Local Plan for Rutland" be amended or overridden by the Secretary of State?

Answer: Following the Public Examination, the Inspector will make recommendations as to whether the Local Plan is sound or not or can proposed modifications to the Local plan.

9. Has the Health and Safety Executive been made aware of the proposal and of the proximity of the properties to mining extraction facilities and if so what recommendations have been made?

Answer: Proposals for the site are far too immature for the site to consult with the HSE. However when we are in a position to do so we will consult with them as well as any other statutory bodies.

10. Please advise how many valid responses you have received during this consultation exercise (about SGB development) ending on 15/6/18? Please also advise how many responses were in favour of the proposed development and how many were against?

Answer: Analysis of consultation responses is currently ongoing. Full details will be made available once this process is complete.

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Yours faithfully

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