



03 July 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 787/18

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request/Response:

Freedom of information request:

Under this legislation we would ask you to answer the following questions as soon as possible please.

1. What amount of extra funding has Rutland County Council (RCC) applied for, and from whom, to assist with and as an encouragement to make this proposal? When will such funding be available and what conditions apply to any payment? Please also advise whether such funds are available for similar smaller projects and what the detailed scaled payments are?

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 RCC has bid for in excess of £30m of funding – not all has been released and is unlikely to be released for a number of months.

Grants and funds are normally tailored to specific outcomes. So these grants are not necessarily available for smaller projects. However RCC does continually monitor available grants and apply for them if they are relevant.

2. What monetary gain will RCC make from the disposal of any land by MOD at SGB?

Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

3. What costs have been incurred by RCC to date on this proposal and what anticipated expenditure and return is expected within the life of this project? Please detail agreed and anticipated budgets.

Answer: Since this is an MOD project the Rutland County 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. Please advise whether RCC is claiming funds from other neighbouring authorities because of overbuilding its own requirement of extra housing and offering to sell their quota to those authorities struggling to meet theirs?

Answer: None

5. Please advise what extra housing central government had asked RCC to provide during the next 30 years before it knew of this windfall of disposal of land by the MOD?

Answer: None – the level of new housing is determined within the Local Plan.

6. What is the smallest number of properties that MOD will accept on this site? What is the MOD's expectation of total income to be generated from the site, split between housing development income, heritage site retention (missile sites) income and mineral deposits extraction income?

Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

7. How many existing residential properties do MOD have control of (including those Managed for them under lease back arrangements) in the close vicinity to SGB (including all those in Pennine Drive, Chiltern Drive, Mendip Road, Severn Crescent, Weiland Road, Coniston Road, Crummock Avenue, Derwent Road, Windermere Road and Ullswater Road). How many of these properties are currently vacant?

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

8. Is this period of consultation (ending 15/6/18) about the SGB proposals the last opportunity for residents to challenge the proposals or will there be more time to consider it in more detail? Please detail the timeline.

Answer: Further consultation around St George's Barracks will take place as part of the Local Plan process. Dates for non-statutory consultation around Rutland's next Local Plan consultation are yet to be confirmed. Statutory consultation will also be undertaken around any planning application that should come forward in relation to St George's Barracks. Again, there are no confirmed dates for this. Indicative timescales can be found online at:

www.stgeorgesrutland.co.uk/the-masterplan/timeline-next-steps

Further information, including dates for future consultations, will be published here as soon as they are confirmed.

9. If RCC+MOD are minded to amend or halt the proposals in line with the Rutland's population protests, when will RCC endeavour to incorporate any new plans into "The Local Plan For Rutland"? Will there be any further consultation on that plan and when will this start and end? 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.

10. Why has the local village plan developed and agreed by the population of Edith Weston (and subsequently accepted by RCC into their existing County Plan) been so flagrantly disregarded?

Answer: Please be advised that some of the questions below 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).

11. Can any new resultant "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.

12. Has the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) been made aware of the proposal and proximity of properties to mining extraction facilities and if so what recommendations and/or stipulations have they imposed?

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.

13. 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 released once this process is complete.

14. Please advise how a conflict of interest can be genuinely avoided when the RCC's own planning department will eventually make decisions on its own council's development proposals? Surely a neighbouring authority, with no gain or leverage interests on the development plan, should be asked to make completely independent planning decisions on a project of such importance and scale?

Answer: There is no alternative to a local authority determining its own or other applications in which it has an interest. There is no provision in law for

another authority to determine it. The planning dep't won't actually determine it, it will go to Committee where a decision will be made in public.

Details of the way in which the Council works can be found at:

<https://rutlandcounty.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=349&MId=1735&info=1&MD=Constitution>

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Yours faithfully

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