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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1119

I write further to your email dated 04 March 2020.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Your request:

1. What meetings/correspondences have been held/discussed between [Councillor Rushton] and the complainants (dates & times).
2. Copy of all correspondences between [Councillor Rushton] and all the complainants.
3. Copy of all correspondences between [Councillor Rushton] and NWLDC in relation to this planning applications on March House, 28a Long Street, Belton, LE12 9TP.
4. Copy of any other correspondences between [Councillor Rushton] and any other third party relating to the planning application / work undertaken on March House, 28a Long Street, Belton, LE12 9TP.

Our response:

1. This information relates to the Councillors function as an elected member and is therefore not held for the purposes of FOIA.
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3. Please see attached documents 1119a and 1119b.

I can confirm that North West Leicestershire District Council holds further correspondence that you have requested. However, this information is exempt from disclosure under section 36 of the FOIA. Section 36 (2) (b) applies where disclosure of the information requested would, or would be likely to, inhibit the free and frank provision of advice.

When applying an exemption under section 36, we are required to complete a public interest test. In this case, disclosure of the information could deter officers and members from seeking advice on future matters freely and so have a negative impact on the way advice is sought in the future which could result in poorer decision making. It is therefore in the public interest not to disclose this information.

4. There has been no correspondence between Councillor Rushton and any other third party relating to to the planning application / work undertaken on March House, 28a Long Street, Belton, LE12 9TP.

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If you are dissatisfied with the information supplied please feel free to contact me on the number above for any queries in relation to this response. Please note that in responding to further enquiries I can only comment on the information contained within this correspondence and cannot provide any further information that may pertain to an additional FOIA request.

Please remember to quote the Authority's four digit reference number given at the top of this email in any future communications.

If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the above informal review, you have the right to ask for an internal review. A request for a review whether formal or informal should be submitted within two calendar months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to DPO@NWLeicestershire.gov.uk or the address above.

Further details on our appeals and complaints procedure can be found on our website [here](#).

If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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