

From: Dean Blackwood <email address redacted>
To: Aarhus Compliance
Date: 09/12/2015 09:41
Subject: Re: ACCC/C/2013/90 response from the Party concerned to communication

Dear Vira,

Thank you for your correspondence.

I am concerned that the Department's response contains evidently misleading claims. It is my intention to repond to the ACCC in full, but in order to do this I need further information from the Department. As such I have submitted a Freedom of Information request for internal instructions which I know to exist and which will disprove the dismissive claims made. Therefore, I will not be in a position to respond to you until that information is received.

Below, in italics, is a copy of the request submitted this morning to the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland.

Please can you acknowledge receipt of this e-mail
Best
Dean Blackwood

To whom it may concern

Under Freedom of information please can I be provided with confirmation that it was the policy and required best practice of DOE Planning that no planning application (pre Local Government Reform) be presented to a local council with a recommendation, without first having a Development Management Officer's report and Development Management Group report completed and made available to the public.

Your response to this request should include copies of the original written instruction / internal memo(s), including subsequent reinforcements of this position issued to Divisional offices / staff from Planning HQ, when it was uncovered that this original instruction was not being abided by.

*Please acknowledge receipt of this e-mail
Thanks*

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