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1. INFORMATION ABOUT UNANSWERED FOI TO PCC

Begin forwarded message:

From: Peter Seaman <peter.seaman@btinternet.com>

Subject: FOI details FW: Acknowledgement E2016-6846 Local Development Plan

Date: 21 November 2016 at 11:35:30 GMT

To: Christine Hugh-Jones <ch306@icloud.com>

Firstly my request:

Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations – request for information dated 14th October 2016

Background information:

In the last year or so, Powys County Council has been re-drafting its Local Development Plan, and on 10th October 2016 published 'proposed further focused changes' for consultation. It is understood that some if not all the proposed further focused changes are as a result of a dialogue between the Welsh Government and Powys County Council. This request seeks information relating to drafting on the proposed further focused changes – what was the evidence used, what other information was considered, what policies were considered, who was consulted and so on – AND – where this relates to either Powys County Council acting on its own or in cooperation with the Welsh Government? The specific area of interest is Green Energy and in particular wind and solar. (other area such as housing, gypsy and traveller, employment land are to be excluded)

Specific request:

I request all information relating to the production of the proposed further focused changes of the Powys County Council Local Development Plan items on Green Energy. These include but not exclusively all information which resulted in the drafting of the Plan's sections as follows:

Schedule of Proposed Further Focused Changes – as it relates to Energy including wind and solar

Further Focused Changes – Appendix 1 – Map Changes (October 2016) – as it relates to Energy including wind and solar

Integrated Impact Assessment (October 2016)

Renewable Energy Assessment August 2016 AECOM

Renewable Energy Assessment 2016 - Maps – Solar

Renewable Energy Assessment 2016 – Maps – Wind

Renewable Energy Topic Paper

The information is to include all internal and external correspondence/minutes/emails/drafts of maps which resulted in the 'proposed further focused changes' as they relate in any way to green energy including solar and wind. I wish to be sent all records of all discussions of officers of the Welsh Government, Ministers, officers of Powys Council, members including the portfolio holder for Planning of Powys County Council, and also any consultants or any other non-governmental organisation/adviser(s). This information will also include information relating to the selection for 'local search areas' or the priority zones within them.

I am grateful for your assistance with this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Seaman MBE

Chair Brecon & Radnor Branch

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and then my chase-up, with a copy of the original acknowledgement from Debra Jarvis.

From: Peter Seaman [mailto:peter.seaman@btinternet.com]

Sent: 10 November 2016 22:55

To: 'Debra Jarvis (CSP - ICT)' <debra.jarvis@powys.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Acknowledgement E2016-6846 Local Development Plan

Dear Ms Jarvis,

It is with regret that I note you have failed to send me the requested information by the due date. This is a repetition of previous failures and I shall be raising this with the Office of the Information Commissioner. In the meantime, I expect a reply by the end of 11th November 2016.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Seaman.

From: Debra Jarvis (CSP - ICT) [mailto:debra.jarvis@powys.gov.uk]

Sent: 14 October 2016 15:34

To: peter.seaman@btinternet.com

Subject: Acknowledgement E2016-6846 Local Development Plan

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Our ref / Ein cyf: 6846

Date / Dyddiad: 14 October 2016

Request Accepted

Reference No: 6846

Dear Mr Seaman,

Thank you for your request for information, received at this office on 13/10/2016, in which you requested details of the following:

Local Development PAn

The above is a summary of your request. The full details of the information sought is provided to the officer to whom the request is tasked.

Your request will now be considered and you will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days as defined by the Act, subject to the information not being exempt or containing a reference to a third party. In some circumstances Powys County Council may be unable to achieve this deadline. If this is likely you will be informed and given a revised time-scale at the earliest opportunity.

There may be a fee payable for the retrieval, collation and provision of the information you request. If this is the case you will be informed and the 20 working day timescale will be suspended until we receive payment from you. If you choose not to make a payment then your request will remain unanswered.

Some requests may also require either full or partial transference to another public authority in order to answer your query in the fullest possible way. Again, you will be informed if this is the case.

The due date for responding to this request for information is 10/11/2016.

Should you need to discuss this further please contact the officer dealing with your request as identified at the bottom of this email by contacting Information Management on 01597 827543.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Powys County Council.

Yours sincerely,

Debra Jarvis

Information Security Officer

2. SEMINAR NOTIFICATION

Dear Councillor,

Following the interest I have received from a number of Councillors, I have decided that it would be helpful to arrange a seminar on the Powys Local Development Plan (LDP) for all Members on Thursday 10th November 2016 at 10am – 1pm in the Chamber, County Hall, Llandrindod Wells.

The main purpose of the seminar is to inform Members about proposals for Local Search Areas for Wind and Solar energy, as presented in the LDP consultation documents currently available for public consultation until 21st November.

<http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/planning-building-control/local-development-plan/>

I have invited and arranged for the following speakers to attend in addition to our LDP officers:

- Mr Mark Newey, Head of Development Plans, Welsh Government.
- Mr Simon Hartley, AECOM, who has assisted the Council.

I would encourage you to attend the seminar, and time permitting I have asked the officers to be prepared to cover a number of other topical LDP matters including affordable housing, housing land supply and the provision of gypsy and traveller accommodation. I have listed links to some of the relevant documents below

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Avril York,

Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning

Consultation Documents

Schedule of Proposed Further Focussed Changes – Addendum to the Deposit LDP (October 2016)

Further Focussed Changes Appendix 1 – Map Changes (Oct 2016)

Updated Topic Papers & Evidence

Renewable Energy Topic Paper (September 2016)

Renewable Energy Assessment August 2016 (AECOM)

Renewable Energy Assessment, 2016 – Maps – Solar

Renewable Energy Assessment, 2016 – Maps – Wind

Viability Assessment Update August 2016 (DVS)

Viability Topic Paper (September 2016)

Affordable Housing Topic Paper Update (September 2016)

Gypsy & Traveller Position Statement (September 2016)

Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment (ORS June 2016)

Joint Housing Land Availability Study (2016)

Viability Assessment Update August 2016 (DVS)

3. EMAILS from Councillors/Officer

CLLR 1.

“I totally agree with the issues you raise but I believe that the Labour Administration in the Assembly have made up their mind on the new local search areas and required power supply quotas as a punishment to Powys. This is because we have consistently refused permission for many of the previous Wind Farm Applications

I believe, and this is only my opinion that (*the inspector*) will be already briefed on what decisions to come to. However this didn't stop me from voicing my opinion at the seminar and it won't stop me from sending my comments to the enquiry."

CLLR 2 .

"I did attend the Council seminar last week and many of your concerns were discussed..... Each community council agreed to object as part of the consultation process..... I trust this reassures you that I am working closely with community councils in my ward, to ensure they are aware of the consultation process and will take the opportunity to respond on behalf of residents within those areas. I will also be responding to the consultation process myself in my capacity as County Councillor for this area."

CLLR 3.

"At the end of this consultation (and as you know there have been several consultations along the way) we will consider the representations and decide how we take the next step. There is nothing underhand here, it's a completely open process.

Council Members who attended were very content that there is nothing underhand going on and appreciated the difficult process that the Council is having to go through . Many Members made good points, and the Seminar today did what it was intended to do, inform Members to enable them to play their part in their communities in this respect."

Portfolio Holder

From: "Avril York (CSP - County Councillor)" <cllr.avril.york@powys.gov.uk>, Date: 7 November 2016 at 11:32:10 GMT, To: (resident/stake-holder), Cc: "Steve Boyd (CSP - Board Business)" <steve.boyd@powys.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Further Focussed Changes

Thank you for expressing an interest in attending the Seminar that has been organised for Elected Members of Powys County Council regarding the LDP. Unfortunately this Seminar is for Members only and is not a meeting open to the public and we would encourage you not to travel to County Hall on the day as entry will not be permitted. The purpose of the seminar is to provide Members with further information about the LDP; it is not a formal meeting where decisions will be taken. If you have any particular concerns regarding the LDP, you may of course approach your local County Councillor who could raise them at the seminar.

LDP Team Lead

from: Peter Morris (CSP - Regeneration and Corporate Property) [mailto:peter.morris@powys.gov.uk]
Sent: 09 November 2016 14:52 To: (stakeholder/resident) Cc: Avril York (CSP - County Councillor)
<cllr.avril.york@powys.gov.uk>; Ken Yorston (CSP - Regeneration and Corporate Property)
<ken.yorston@powys.gov.uk>; Steve Boyd (CSP - Board Business) <steve.boyd@powys.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: RENEWABLE ENERGY: Further Proposed Changes to the Powys Local Development Plan

Dear (resident/stakeholder)

Thanks you for your email. Cllr York has asked me to reply to your email.

The seminar for members tomorrow is not a public meeting and therefore it has been decided in accordance with standard practice that it will not be webcast.

The consultation period on the Local Development Plan and the proposed Further Focused Changes remains unaffected by the seminar.

Kind Regards,

Peter

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