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Planning Application no. P/C/7/2005/7019. (The Ditchingham Quarry)

Dear Mr Johnson

Further to our conversation yesterday and my earlier conversation with Maureen Orr, I confirm my request for information concerning the above identified planning application (now withdrawn). We agreed that it was not entirely clear under what provisions or legislation this request for information would be satisfied, but as the application is now withdrawn and unless the request includes exempt information (ie that which might identify certain personal or commercial interests) which is highly unlikely, this information would be made available.

This is a formal request for Norfolk County Council (NCC) to provide information: either in the course of 'normal business' or under the Publication Scheme; or more formally, for provision of information under statute, in which case this request cites the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

My request is made on behalf of the residents objectors group ENRAGED (Norfolk Residents Against Gravel Extraction in Ditchingham). My particular interest at this time is with regard to the consultation response that was (or perhaps was not yet) received from your colleagues in the highways department of NCC, and of the process by which their opinion was derived (or to the extent that it had been formulated at the date that the application was withdrawn).

ENRAGED has engaged the professional services of GH Bullard and Associates (GHB) to advise our group on highways issues, and it is evident in correspondence from NCC to GHB that officer opinion was well advanced on this matter (copy attached). Other correspondence will be on NCC files.

With the forgoing providing context for my request for information please provide therefore copies of documents, minutes, correspondence, transcripts and other information concerning Planning Application to. P/C/7/2005/7019 and any pre-application communications (for example pre or post request for a 'scoping opinion') that refer to related highways issues, whether access, routing, traffic volumes, impact, or otherwise generally, to include:

- The formal 'highways' Consultation response
- All other correspondence whether with external parties (including the applicant and their agents and consultants), or internal NCC memorandum,
- Voice mails/ memos
- Documentation that identifies the process and the procedures that officers and colleagues must follow by which such consultation opinion is formulated and decided.

Clearly this request may potentially span various departments at NCC (to include minerals and general planning, and highways development and safety etc). I would be grateful if you would: acknowledge receipt of this letter and identify to which responsible officer within NCC this request has been assigned.

Please address your response to Froggs Hall, as above.

Yours sincerely



Julian Green

ENRAGED

Copies:

- John Smith; Clerk to Ditchingham Parish Council. Chris Tyacke; Clerk to Hedenham Parish Council.
- Alan Burrell; NCC. Richard Carden; SNDC. Richard Bacon; MP.
- Adrian Gunson, Alison King; NCC
- Mike Jackson, Director Planning & Transportation Department; NCC.
- Maureen Orr, Gill Medlar; NCC.
- Gerry Bullard; GH Bullard & Associates.

Attached:

- NCC letter 01/02/2006