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Date: 11 August 2017

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Dear Dr Maxwell

Information request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 **FOI031717 - Local Plan - Site LS1: NHDC communication with Housing developers**

Thank you for your request for information originally received on 26/6/17.

You asked for:-

Please could you provide me with all written correspondence from NHDC employees and councillors with employees/ representatives of Barratt Homes, David Wilson Homes and Meeting Place Communications for a twelve-month period from 22 June 2016 to 21 June 2017 in relation to site LS1 of the Proposed Submission Local Plan. This is to include all forms of written communication, including emails, letters and reports.

I can confirm that the Council holds this information. This information is being withheld under the Environmental Information Regulations as outlined below

We are withholding the data under the following EIR regulations:-

...to the extent that its disclosure would adversely affect—

- *EIR(12)(5)(e) - the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest;*
- *EIR(12)(5)(f) - the interests of the person who provided the information where that person—*
 - (i) was not under, and could not have been put under, any legal obligation to supply it to that or any other public authority;*
 - (ii) did not supply it in circumstances such that that or any other public authority is entitled apart from these Regulations to disclose it; and*
 - (iii) has not consented to its disclosure*

The third party has not consented to disclosure of their discussions, particularly, as to date, no planning application has been submitted.

Having considered the public interest, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. NHDC's decision is therefore to withhold the information.

Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to information requests is available in our reception or on our website. If you have any queries regarding the process or your request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If after receiving our full response, you feel dissatisfied with the information provided, or you disagree with a refusal decision, you have the right to ask for a review of the decision with the Council. We will accept review requests up to 60 days after our response. After that date we consider the case closed.

Review requests should be addressed to the Information & Asset Team Manager at Town Lodge, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire SG6 3HN or emailed to FOI2@north.herts.gov.uk

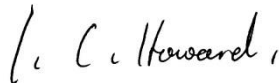
It is important that you include the above FOI reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

If following a review by NHDC you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response, you can contact the Information Commissioners Office for guidance or to make an appeal at:-

Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire. SK9 5AF
Telephone: 0303 123 1113 (or 01625 545745 if you would prefer not to call an '03' number, or +44 1625 545745 if calling from overseas) www.ico.org.uk

Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



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