

10/06/2021

Re: Freedom of Information request 202112- Request Refused.

Dear ,

I refer to your request, originally dated and received on 13th May 2021 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by the Land Development Agency (LDA).

- *All written correspondence including e mails, letters, faxes and messages social messaging apps such as whatsapp, from March 2019 to date between the LDA and residents, resident groups, politicians, regarding judicial reviews.*
- *All written correspondence including e mails, letters, faxes and messages on social messaging apps such as whatsapp from March 2019 to date between the LDA and residents, residents groups and their representatives, and politicians.*

On the 13 May 2021, the LDA contacted you with a request to narrow the scope of your request due to a very high volume of records held by the LDA that fell within its scope. The scope was subsequently narrow to:

- *correspondence relating to judicial reviews from residents, politicians etc as well as all written correspondence from TDs*

My office was in further contact with you on 13th May 2021 requesting specification of projects the request related to. We received no further clarification.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access.

Details of your request were provided to the relevant sections within the LDA to identify records held which were within the scope of your request. To provide an analysis and breakdown in relation to your request would prove voluminous by reason of the nature and volume of the records involved.

Therefore, I am refusing your request under Section 15 (1)(c) of the FOI Act wherein it states:

“Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where-

- (c) in the opinion of the head, granting the request would, by reason of the number or nature of the records concerned or the nature of the information concerned require the retrieval and examination of such number of records*



or an examination of such kind of the records concerned as to cause a substantial and unreasonable interference with or disruption of work (including disruption of work in a particular functional area) of the FOI body concerned,"

2. Right of Appeal

In the event that you are unhappy with this decision you may appeal this it. If you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Land Development Agency, 2nd Floor, Ashford House, Tara Street, Dublin 2 or by e-mail to foi@lda.ie.

Please note that a fee applies. This fee has been set at €30 (€10 for a Medical Card holder). Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque, and made payable to Head of Finance, Land Development Agency, 2nd Floor, Ashford House, Tara Street, Dublin 2.

Payment can be made by electronic means, using the following details:

NON PAY GRANT

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You must ensure that your FOI reference number (**FOI 202112**) is included in the payment details.

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding, the weekend and public holidays. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

Please be advised that the Land Development Agency replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website at lda.ie.

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone on (01) 9103400.



Monika Szyszko
Compliance Manger