

29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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**Re: Freedom of Information request 202334- Request Refused.**

Dear,

I refer to your request dated and received on 01/09/2023, which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by the Land Development Agency (LDA).

- *a copy of the presentations/slideshows/notes associated with the land seminars delivered by Michelle Norris [and as referenced in the board minutes of 27 Oct 2022].*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

Upon receipt of your request, it was forwarded to the relevant section within the LDA for search and retrieval of records within the scope of your request. In this regard, I am to advise you that the records as sought by you are already in the public domain.

I have been informed that the land seminars to which your request relates are the “Talking about Land” series that the Land Development Agency co-ordinated with the Housing Agency.

The records you seek are available online on the Housing Agency website at the following link: <https://www.housingagency.ie/news-events/talking-about-land-series>. This page contains links to video recordings of the seminars on the Housing Agency’s YouTube account as well as .pdf copies of the slides used by the speakers.

Therefore, I am refusing your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(d) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which states:

**Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests.**

I5(1) *A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where:*

*(d) the information is already in the public domain,*



## 2. Right of Appeal

In the event that you are unhappy with this decision you may appeal against 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](mailto: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:

The Land Development Agency DAC

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You must ensure that your FOI reference number (**FOI 202334**) 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](http://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.

Yours sincerely,



Monika Szyszko,

Senior Compliance Manager