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By email: [REDACTED]

Our ref: RFI6875
Date: 29 September
2014

Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Whether Hillier, or any of their subsidiaries such as their pension fund, was given a grant towards their reservoir and if so how much and on what terms?

Thank you for your request for information about whether grant funding was offered to Hillier for their reservoir including the value of the award and the terms, which we received on 06/09/2014. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs). I apologise for the delay, we are currently experiencing a high number of EIRs/FOIA requests making it difficult to respond within the deadlines.

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm that, through Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE), a Rural Economy Grant award was given to Hillier Nurseries Limited, under the project name Morley Rainwater Harvesting. This grant award was for £79,526 and was made on the terms set out in the offer letter.

I enclose a copy of the offer letter which includes standard conditions and project specific conditions.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIRs, and in keeping with the government's Transparency Agenda, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you will now be published on www.gov.uk together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. Please note that this will not include your personal data.

I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.



I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact the address below.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex A

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