

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Waste Infrastructure Delivery Programme (WIDP)
Area 6C, Ergon House,
Horseferry Road,
London SW1P 2AL

Telephone 08459 33 55 77

Website www.defra.gov.uk



Our ref: RFI 5077

November 2012

Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: ENERGY FROM WASTE PLANT, NORFOLK

Thank you for your letter of 23 October asking for

1. Calculations of critical loading/ acid deposition on Roydon Common and Grimston Warren submitted in response to consultation over proposals to build and incinerator at King's Lynn in Norfolk.
2. Details of any changes made in the methodology between the original holding objection and subsequent responses.

As you know, we are dealing with your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

Question 1

The information that you have requested is available from the Environment Agency's Public Registers at Kingfisher House, Goldhay Way, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough, PE2 5ZR. Their telephone number is 08708 506 506.

Alternatively, you can forward your EIR request to the Environment Agency Customer Contacts team in the area by post: Customer Contacts Team, Environment Agency, Bromholme Lane, Bampton, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE28 4NE or by e-mail:

custance.huntingdon1.an@environment-agency.gov.uk .

Question 2

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information that you have requested is not held by Defra.

The information is therefore exempt under regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIRs, which relates to information which is not held at the time when an applicant's request is received.



Regulation 12(4)(a) is a qualified exception, which usually means that a public authority is required to conduct a public interest test to determine whether or not information should be disclosed or withheld. However, the Information Commissioner, who is the independent regulator for requests made under the EIRs, takes the view that a public interest test in cases where the information is not held would serve no useful purpose. Therefore, in line with the Information Commissioner's view, Defra has not conducted a public interest test in this case.

We can only suggest that you could, perhaps, contact Natural England to see whether they can respond to your query. Natural England suggests using their Enquiry Service as the first point of contact for all general enquiries: 0845 600 3078. The Opening times are 8.30–17:00, Monday–Friday. Full contact details can be found on their website:
http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/about_us/contact_us/

I attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

David Watts
WIDP Programme Manager
Email WIDP.programmeoffice@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Annex A

Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 1B, Ergon House, Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 2AL (email: requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

