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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

**RE: Request for Information – RFI4227**

Thank you for your request for information which was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested the following information:

*I wish to be given accurate information ,under the Freedom of Information Act, about the luminosity of the lights and the permitted luminosity in the conditions of the planning application...can you tell me whether the road and the roundabout have been adopted at this stage by Cambridgeshire County Council.*

For clarity, your request relates to road lights on the Southern Access Road (W) Northstowe.

**Response**

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information. We will address each of your questions in turn.

***accurate information, under the Freedom of Information Act, about the luminosity of the lights and the permitted luminosity in the conditions of the planning application***

We can inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on section 21, exemption where information is available to the applicant elsewhere.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link and we have quoted section 21 below for ease.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

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(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

#### **Advice and Assistance**

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. To comply with this duty we are able to confirm that all the documents in relation to the permitted street light luminosity are available on the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Portal (for South Cambridgeshire DC and Cambridge City Council) which can be accessed via the below link under application number **20/01780/REM**:

<https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/>.

We can advise that all lighting plans are noted as document type 'Drawings' under the headings 'Lighting Details Sheet' and 'Lighting Reality Report'.

***can you tell me whether the road and the roundabout have been adopted at this stage by Cambridgeshire County Council.***

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request.

To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Development team who would have the requested information if held.

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty under section 1(1) is only to provide the recorded information held.

The full text of section 1 in the legislation can be found here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/1>

#### **Advice and Assistance**

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. To comply with this duty we are able to confirm the Southern Access Road and northern roundabout have not yet been adopted by



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Cambridgeshire County Council. However, we can confirm that the road, roundabout and associated highway lighting have been presented for adoption to Cambridgeshire County Council, have been constructed to Cambridgeshire County Council adoptable standards and have received technical approval.

### **Right to Appeal**

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled, you may request an internal review. You can request an internal review by writing to Homes England via the details below, quoting the reference number at the top of this letter.

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Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for review will be passed to an independent party not involved in your original request. We aim to issue a response within 20 working days.

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link:

<https://ico.org.uk/>

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

**The Information Governance Team**  
For Homes England

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