

22nd September 2020

Dear Daniel Fenwick,

Thank you for your letter dated 18th September and the information you have asked for within.

In response to your questions:

- a. We were made aware of the recording on the 2nd May, 2020. The audio recording was received but it needed transcribing.
- b. Councillor Bob Perry advised us that he delayed sharing it with us due to the outbreak of COVID-19. We had no reason to challenge this claim. We submitted a request to the LGBCE for Havering's submission to be considered null and void and needed to wait for a response before taking any further action.
- c. Emails between officers, obtained through an FOI, substantiate some of the claims Councillor Damian White made within the audio recording. It could also be argued that the lack of certain details within the emails reinforce Councillor Damian White's manipulation of the situation. We are currently challenging the protection of emails between the Leader and the Chief Executive.

The LGBCE consultation document, clearly shows that Havering's submission was taken into consideration as it is referenced throughout the report.

We have also received copies of redacted emails between the Andrew Blake-Herbert and officers in relation to the LGBCE process as part of an FOI, which substantiates some of the comments made by Councillor Damian White in the audio recording.

We have requested further emails via FOI, between Councillor Damian White and Andrew Blake-Herbert and are waiting to hear if these will be released before considering going to the ICO.

As requested, please find attached the correspondence between H.R.A and the LGBCE.

Yours sincerely,

Chair of H.R.A - Councillor Gillian Ford

Deputy Chair of the H.R.A - Councillor Graham Williamson

Leader of the Residents Association - Councillor Ray Morgon

Leader of the Upminster & Cranham Residents Association - Councillor Linda Hawthorn

Deputy Leader of the Upminster & Cranham Residents Association - Councillor Chris Wilkins

cc. Simon Bell, Abdus Choudhury

