Reference: IC-316086-L0W4



Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Decision notice

Date: 1 August 2024

Public Authority: Hughenden Parish Council

Address: Council Office

The Common Great Kingshill High Wycombe

HP15 6EN

Request:

The complainant requested the following information from Hughenden Parish Council on 30 May 2024:

"In the circumstances, I would be grateful if you could provide me with copies of the quarterly reports of the playgrounds carried out since January 2024. I assume inspections were carried out in April. Then we can all see what progress was made by then to address the risks - and hopefully be assured.

I do not have the time to make appointments for visits to the office nor the time to visit the office and read the reports there. And of course I would like to retain the reports electronically so I can keep them for reference. I would therefore be grateful if you could send me copies electronically as is the normal practice when councillors or residents request information."

Commissioner's Decision:

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

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Steps:

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

Right of Appeal:

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the Firsttier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights) GRC & GRP Tribunals, PO Box 9300, LEICESTER, LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963 Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: grc@justice.gov.uk

Website: www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar)

days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

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