

FOI Reference Number: FOI/220/1819

Date: 30 August 2018

Request:

Could you confirm to me please if there is any record of any consultation by the agent for the new planning application, [REDACTED], with the planning office from July 2016 until the planning approval lapsed in April 2017, either regarding the existing planning approval or the intention to submit a new planning application?

Could you confirm to me please that if the planning conditions on the existing planning approval had been implemented, either in whole or in part, in consultation with the planning office, if this would have protected the existing planning approval, and prevented it from lapsing over a period of 9 months from July 2016 until April 2017?

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 01 August 2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to planning information.

(1) There was no formal Pre-Application Discussions entered into by the applicant or agent with Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's Planning Department. There was however some email correspondence. Given that there was no current application at the time of the conversation no record was retained by MEABC.

(2) If the pre-commencement conditions 3 and 4 of the previous planning approval on the site [REDACTED] had been complied with, and development of the site had commenced by 19th April 2017, the permission would not have lapsed.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/220/1819 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.