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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-17-1502 - Waste Sites - Secondary School
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Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 16 October 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

1. Location of waste sites (landfill, recycling, etc) and whether they process hazardous waste in Aberdeen City Council in 1991. If 1991 is not available, data from 1990 or 1992 could also meet the purpose; it can be detailed road address. Information on the capacity of those waste sites are preferred but not essential.

Information concerning closed landfill sites in Aberdeen is limited as the data from the sites was paper based and only kept until the site closed. The sites would have processed wastes that were present in domestic collections.

There are three ex landfill sites within the city boundary all are closed and have been restored;

Hill of Tramaud – slip road northbound A90 just past Murcar Roundabout – 2012 – Operated by Sita UK on behalf of Aberdeen City Council

Ness Farm Landfill – access from Coast Road, Aberdeen – closed 2001 - Operated by Sita UK on behalf of Aberdeen City Council

Mill of Dyce – access from Pitmedden Road, Dyce, Aberdeen – closed 2001 - Operated by Sita UK on behalf of Aberdeen City Council

In terms of landfill sites, ACC does not believe the term “hazardous waste” was in use in 1991 with terms such as commercial, industrial, household, liquids/sludge, demolition/construction, controlled or special waste preferred. Also, we understand that at that time it was not unusual for different waste types to be deposited at the same site. ACC does not hold records of “hazardous” (or equivalent) landfills or recycling facilities from 1991. However, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency’s waste sites and capacity tool <https://www.sepa.org.uk/data-visualisation/waste-sites-and-capacity-tool/> provides information on ten former landfills (public and private) located within Aberdeen City.

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2. Catchment boundaries of secondary schools in Aberdeen City Council in 2001 and 2011. My goal is to construct a neighborhood (defined as a datazone in Census) level measure of secondary school performance, and I currently have performance measures by secondary school. Therefore, the ideal data for the catchment boundaries will be an ArcGIS shapefile delineating the catchment zones of each secondary school in Aberdeen City Council with the corresponding names of the schools. If such data are unavailable, catchment maps by school that can be imported into ArcGIS can also meet my purpose.

This data is not held by ACC as the GIS map team advise that there are no files held for those dates. It would appear that as things change the existing files are overwritten and no copy is retained of the electronic file which would relate to those dates. Catchment zones for Aberdeen City Council’s secondary schools can be found at the following link –

http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/council_government/consultations/current_consultations/sc/school_zone_maps.asp

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We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster
Information Compliance Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

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