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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** REV-17-1853 - Vacant Land Survey  
**Date:** 16 February 2018 13:18:02  
**Attachments:** [REV-17-1853 - SVDLS 2016.zip](#)

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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 19 January 2018 requesting that Aberdeen City Council (ACC) review its handling of your request.

Please see below the outcome of your review.

Under the FOISA legislation, a local authority is only required to provide information in a format specified by an applicant if it is deemed to be reasonable to do so and where they do not already hold the information in that format.

In relation to this request, ACC did not hold the information in the format you specified. In investigating whether it was deemed reasonable for us to convert the information for you, we considered the following:

ACC holds the requested information in corporate GIS system as a .shp (shape) format. Please see attached. We are unable to convert the information for you as we are unable to download open source applications (due to their potentially unsecure nature). On this basis, it is not deemed reasonable for us to convert the information into the format you specified.

As such, ACC uphold our initial response.

We would like to advise that there are online tools available to convert the data into the format requested such as:

<https://mygeodata.cloud/converter/shp-to-geojson>

If you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster  
On behalf of Review Panel Clerk

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your request for an internal review, you can apply directly to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) for a decision. Generally, OSIC cannot make a decision unless you have been through the ACC's review procedure. To make an application to OSIC, please write or email OSIC at:

The Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle

Doubledykes Road  
St Andrews  
FIFE  
KY16 9DS

[www.itspublicknowledge.info](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info)

An application to OSIC must be made in writing within six months of receipt of ACC's Review Decision Notice. When applying to OSIC for a decision you should give your name and address for correspondence. Please note that OSIC will not be able to investigate if you have not used your real name to make your information request. You must also specify:

- Which request for information your requirement for review relates to
- The reason that you asked ACC to carry out a review of your request
- The reason why you are not satisfied with ACC's review outcome decision

The Commissioner will contact ACC and invite its comments on your application. Thereafter (if no settlement has meantime been reached), the Commissioner must reach a decision within 4 months of receiving your application, or within such other period as is reasonable. You will receive written notice of the outcome of the Commissioner's decision.

**Should you wish to appeal against the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only. Any such appeal must be made within 42 days after the date of the decision has been issued.**

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We wish to advise you that the information which was released with this response is too large to be uploaded to our disclosure log. If you are interested in viewing the attachment, please contact us at [foienquiries@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:foienquiries@aberdeencity.gov.uk), quoting the appropriate reference number, and we will provide you with a copy.

**From:** [Foi Enquiries](#)  
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**Subject:** EIR-17-1853 - Vacant Land Survey  
**Date:** 04 January 2018 15:05:27  
**Attachments:** [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 1 December 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

**Please provide a dataset of vacant and derelict land surveys in GeoJson format.**

We do not have any Vacant and Derelict Land Survey (VDLS) dataset in GeoJson format. Our existing mapping system cannot read GeoJson formatted files. The VDLS is available publicly on the Council website – it contains a mapped list of site locations.

Please see link below.

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/sites/aberdeen-cms/files/SVDLS2016publication.pdf>

Previous years are also available under the Monitoring Section on the Local Development Plan page here <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/planning-and-building/local-development-plan/aberdeen-local-development-plan/action-programme-and-monitoring>

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **a dataset of vacant and derelict land surveys in GeoJson format** as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it.

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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