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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EIR-17-0046 - Landowner Payments  
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**Attachments:** [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 9 January 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

**I would like to request the following information from the Council:**

**1) The amount that the Council has paid to landowners up to the end of 2016 (broken down each year from the start of payments) through buying land, paying compensation and Compulsory Purchase Orders as part of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route project.**

**2) To ask where these figures are broken down into categories that this is shown (ie. Legal Fees, Compensation, Compulsory Purchase orders).**

**3) To ask that the top 10 settlements between the Local Authority and landowners are shown. (i.e individuals name, business or property and how much they were paid).**

**4) To ask the number of cases of settlements still to be finalised with landowners over the project.**

**5) To ask how many landowners have been affected by purchasing of land within the local authority area?**

**6) How much the Council has spent ensuring access to existing properties along the route.**

Aberdeen City Council are the appointed agent of the Scottish Ministers. In the first instance, all payments to landowners are dealt with by Transport Scotland (the national transport agency). Aberdeen City Council in its role as appointed agent only administer the payments.

As such, this information should be sought from Transport Scotland. Transport Scotland can be contacted at:

<http://www.transport.gov.scot/contact-page/contact-transport-scotland>

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **The amount that the Council has paid to landowners up to the end of 2016 (broken down each year from the start of payments) through buying land, paying compensation and Compulsory Purchase Orders as part of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route project** as it is not held by the Council. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(a) - Information Not Held - of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it. ACC is required by Regulation 10(1)(b) of the EIRs to inform you as to why in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining this exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information to you. ACC is satisfied that it does not hold this information and considers that, as there is no information held, the public interest lies with the exception.

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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