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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-17-0748 - Kingsford Stadium
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Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 22 May 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Please provide copies of all emails between councillors, officers and/or representatives of Aberdeen Football Club from 17 January 2017 to date relating to Pittodrie Stadium or the proposed stadium at Kingsford near Westhill.

As per my previous request please restrict your search to all local councillors and the ACC staff within the following service areas:

- the City Centre Director,
- Planning and Sustainable Development
- Economic Development
- Public Infrastructure and Environment
- Office of the Chief Executive (including the Chief Executive).

Please also include all written correspondence, within the same dates, between councillors, officers and/or representatives of Aberdeen Football Club relating to Pittodrie Stadium or the proposed stadium at Kingsford near Westhill.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **all emails and all written correspondence between councillors, officers and/or representatives of Aberdeen Football Club relating to Pittodrie Stadium or the proposed stadium at Kingsford near Westhill** as it is excepted from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 13 of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(b) – Manifestly Unreasonable - of the EIRs.

In making this decision ACC considered the following points:

A scoping exercise was undertaken in the areas identified in the request. It was identified that the scope of the request would cover all persons within 2 Directorates and five services. As such, every member of staff within those areas would have to search their correspondence for the words, 'Pittodrie', 'Kingsford', 'stadium' etc. The volume of emails and written communications already identified is close to 1,000 documents. Some services are still to advise. These documents would need to be compiled, emails which were not relevant would need to be identified and deleted, and those left would need to be checked prior to release, removing any sensitive information such as personal information to avoid a breach of the data protection act.

The volume required to be undertaken is seen as excessive and will cause a detrimental effect on the day to day work of the officers involved in searching, extracting and compiling the information for release. This will mean that other ongoing, time sensitive projects will suffer delay. On this basis, ACC wish to refuse to respond to your request under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(b) – Manifestly Unreasonable – of the EIRs.

ACC would be happy to discuss ways in which you may refine your request, so we can provide some information of interest to you within the maximum cost limits. For example, by reducing the time period you are interested in, or by reducing the number of officers required to search (perhaps focusing on one team or one officer i.e. the relevant case officer for example).

It may also be helpful if you could clarify your request more specifically. This can be done by reducing the scope of the request or by providing us with keywords you would like us to search on. Please do contact the Information Compliance team, who will be happy to advise you, if this is something you would like to pursue.

Finally, I would like to mention that a significant amount of information regarding the Kingsford Stadium is published on our website, through our planning application portal which can be found here:

<https://publicaccess.aberdeencity.gov.uk/online-applications/>

The Kingsford Stadium application can be found by searching for 'Kingsford'.

Please feel free to contact us if you wish to discuss refining the scope of the request so that we will be able to provide the information you are interested in.

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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