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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-17-0545 - Kingsford Stadium
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Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 4 April 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. The total number of letters of recommendation received by Aberdeen City Council regarding planning application 170021/DPP (the Kingsford stadium) in favour, against and neutral to the plans (please provide a number for each and an overall total).

All letters of representation (indexed as those in favour, against and neutral) are available to view on the Council's website, using the Planning Search facility at -

<https://publicaccess.aberdeencity.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

Enter the application reference number 170021 and then click on the 'Documents' tab.

As **letters of recommendation received by Aberdeen City Council regarding planning application 170021/DPP (the Kingsford stadium)** is otherwise accessible on our website at the link provided above, it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 25(1) - Information Otherwise Accessible - of the FOISA.

The total number of representations recorded by the City Council, as of 20 April 2017, is 10,544. However, that number is subject to change once a full review of all the representations is completed which will identify duplicate and invalid representations. It will also be subject to change arising from any individuals who choose to withdraw their representation. Until the review is completed it is not possible to provide an accurate breakdown of the representations in favour, against or neutral.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **an accurate breakdown of the representations in favour, against or neutral** 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.

2. The total number of working hours council staff spent sorting through, verifying, putting online, and otherwise working through the letters of recommendation.

The Council does not record the specific hours spent by officers on a task or work item. Accordingly, it does not hold a record the total number of working hours.

3. The total amount of money spent by Aberdeen City Council on wages for staff sorting through, verifying, putting online, and otherwise working through the letters of recommendation.

The Council does not record the specific hours spent by officers on a task or work item. Accordingly, it does not hold a record the total amount spent on staff wages.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **total number of working hours council staff spent sorting through, verifying, putting online, and otherwise working through the letters of recommendation** and **total amount of money spent by Aberdeen City Council on wages for staff sorting through, verifying, putting online, and otherwise working through the letters of recommendation** 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.

4. The number of additional staff brought in by Aberdeen City Council to sort through, verify, put online and otherwise work through the letters of recommendation

No additional staff were brought in to sort through, verify, put online or otherwise work through the letters of representation.

5. The total number of letters of acknowledgment sent out by Aberdeen City Council in response to letters of recommendation regarding this planning application.

The number of letters of acknowledgement issued is 10,544

6. The total cost to Aberdeen City Council of sending out letters of acknowledgment in response to letters of recommendation regarding this planning application (please include postage, stationary and any other costs).

The total cost of issuing the letters of acknowledgement (stationery and postage) is £1,650

7. The number of complaints and queries received regarding comments submitted from persons who received an acknowledgment to a letter of recommendation they did not submit.

The number of queries by phone and by email, as of 20th April 2017, is 31.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

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