

Request

1 Please let me have the most up to date version of the SWAB draft pre-submission document which sets out what development proposals the public was to be consulted on if the process had not been halted.

2 Going back as far as the first version of the “Wiston Estate Steyning Concept Note”, which is believed to be February 2013– please let me have any file notes, memoranda, briefing papers, emails, other correspondence, and any other documentation exchanged between The Wiston Estate, the Goring Family or any consultants retained by them on the one hand and with SWAB and/or any of its constituent councils and/or any councillor and/or SWAB’s consultants on the other hand which record any intentions or desires or plans concerning possible development at Bayards Fields including, but not limited to, the Wiston Whole Estate Plan whether in terms of content or in terms of intended publication.

3 Over the same period - please let me have any file notes, briefing papers, minutes, memoranda or other documents relating to any meetings or discussions in connection with parish council meetings, SWAB meetings and workings, or working parties, which may have taken place within or between parish councils, councillors or clerks concerning the Wiston WEP or concerning possible development at Bayards Fields or concerning the appointment of the SWAB consultants.

NB I do not require any document, such as minutes or agendas, which currently appears on any parish council or the SWAB website and so are already in the public domain.

Response

Refused

Having given your freedom of information request due consideration and having reviewed pertinent information supplied by SWAB steering group members, and given the context of your request, the unanimous view of the Steyning Parish council appointed FOI panel was to reject your request under section 14(1) and section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act and sections 12.4b and 12.4d of the Environmental Information Regulations.

In arriving at this decision the panel considered the following;

- If it transpires that the Steering group have cause for complaint about the work performed by AiRS, this will be investigated in due course and the results of that investigation published when appropriate.
- The Neighbourhood plan pre-submission document, which is a living document on which work may continue under the new Neighbourhood steering group, is a key deliverable within the Neighbourhood planning process and which will be published ahead of the first formal public consultation and is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act and section 12.4 d of the Environmental Information Regulations.

The Panel believes that your FOI request is the continuation of a series of frequent vexatious correspondence and FOI requests by [Redacted] and other collaborators designed to be so grossly oppressive in terms of the strain on time and resources that the Authority cannot reasonably be expected to comply, and would therefore be deemed to be manifestly unreasonable.