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Cllr Andrew Wood
Via Email

Date: **27 July 2020**

Dear ###

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 - 8237927

Thank you for your request for information which was received on 1 July 2020 and has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Your email said:

"Following your release of documents last week and the debate in the House of Commons last Wednesday plus new information in the Sunday Times.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/westferry-printworks-letters-to-hclg-select-committee>

I have the following additional FOI requests;

1. Confirmation that documents MHCLG shared with the Cabinet Secretary about this matter were not subsequently released publicly last Wednesday night. I am not asking for those documents, I just wish to know that they exist. That some documents were not released.

2. Copies of communications to Robert Jenrick MP or his SPADs or his private office about Westferry Printworks between his appointment in July 2019 and the 20th November 2019 - what detail was included as by that point he was aware of a number of facts about the Printworks application and I wish to ascertain from where he got that information.

3. Same question as Q2 but about the new LBTH Local Plan 2031 or the new Community Infrastructure Levy changes at LBTH then in consultation for implementation in January 2020 as the Minister said he was aware of the Local Plan on the 18th November 2019 (people now are mixing up the CIL and Local Plan despite being two separate processes)

4. Confirmation that there is no written document / email / communication from the Minister / his SPADs / Private Office confirming his attendance at the Savoy fundraising dinner on the 18th November or who he met at the dinner before or after the dinner or what was discussed at the dinner. As none were

released last week.

*5. 13th January 2020 meeting at 2 Marsham Street described by this Sunday Times article, see relevant section below in Italics;
Can I have copies of the email invitation/agenda/notes from this meeting. Also copies of the WhatsApp conversation described in the article.*

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/were-going-ahead-with-this-jenrick-has-made-his-mind-up-lets-get-this-sorted-2rskbwhnf..>”

We can confirm the department holds some information in scope of your request. This information was published on June 24 2020 alongside other documents and communications associated with the former Westferry Printworks site. These documents focus on the time period between the date of closure of the inquiry on 9 September 2019 and the communication of the decision notice on 14 January 2020. The information has been redacted to prevent the disclosure of personal information about individuals and to exclude legal advice which is subject to legal professional privilege. The published information includes the documents shared with the Cabinet Office.

This information can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/westferry-printworks-letters-to-hclg-select-committee>

The department holds no further information in scope of your request.

To be helpful we can advise the meeting you refer to as described in the Sunday Times on 13 January, did not take place.

Complaints procedure

If you are unhappy with this response, we will review it and report back to you. (This is called an internal review.) If you want us to do this, let us know by return email within two months of receiving this response. You can also ask by letter addressed to:

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Yours sincerely

MHCLG FOI Team