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District Council

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Ref: EIR / 896

03 November 2016

Mr

Email: @gmail.com

Dear Mr

### **Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Request Solar Panels**

I refer to your EIR request as above and respond as follows:

1. Does your organisation own any solar panels?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

Response : Yes
  
2. Does your organisation have any partnerships with third parties to co-own solar panels? If yes, please specify who the partnership is with and the details of the deal?
  - a. Yes – the partnership is with company X and the deal includes XYZ (i.e. free daytime electricity for tenants)
  - b. No

Response: No
  
3. If yes to question two, did the third party organisation initiate contact with you for the above deal?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

Response: Not Applicable
  
4. If yes to questions one or two, how much energy (in kWh) are you generating?

Response: 34,136Kwhrs annually

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5. How much has your organisation invested in solar technology to date (to the nearest £10,000)?

Response: £130,000

6. Are you planning on purchasing solar technology within the next:

- a. 0 – 6 months
  - i. Yes
  - ii. No
- b. 6 – 12 months
  - i. Yes
  - ii. No
- c. 1 – 3 years
  - i. Yes
  - ii. No
- d. 3 – 5 years
  - i. Yes
  - ii. No
- e. 5 years +
  - i. Yes
  - ii. No

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7. How much are you expecting to spend on solar in the next:

- a. 0 – 6 months
  - i. £ X.00 (to the nearest £10,000)
- b. 6 – 12 months
  - i. £ X.00 (to the nearest £10,000)
- c. 1 – 3 years
  - i. £ X.00 (to the nearest £10,000)
- d. 3 – 5 years
  - i. £ X.00 (to the nearest £10,000)
- e. 5 years +
  - i. £ X.00 (to the nearest £10,000)

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8. Is solar technology incorporated within your organisation's current environmental strategy? If so, please provide details of strategy).

- a. Yes – my organisation plans to achieve XYZ, within the following timeframe X
- b. No

Response: Yes, installation of PV panels in part of the Council's overall carbon reduction strategy with an ambitious target of 20% by 2020 using baseline data from 2000 - 2006.

9. Please identify the main barriers to solar adoption within your organisation:
- a. Lack of internal stakeholder buy-in
  - b. Lack of capital to front investment
  - c. Lack of external stakeholder buy-in
  - d. Lack of knowledge of the benefits of solar
  - e. Lack of knowledge on how to deploy solar
  - f. Lack of incentive (due to reduced government incentive)
  - g. Other (please specify)

**Response:** This is outside the remit of EIR and Council do not wish to comment.

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes. Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

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Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
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Yours sincerely

**Head of Capital Development and Building Control**