

Please provide a copy of the latest draft report/ document recommending refusal of the planning application (ref: 19/0711/FUL) prepared by Mairead O'Sullivan. This document was referred to in Ms O'Sullivan's email to Niamh McArdle (Hinton Avenue resident) dated 28th November 2019.

The council confirms that it holds this information but is withholding this information as it is exempt from disclosure under Regulation 12(4)(d), Information in the course of completion.

Whilst the application and report you refer to is held, the application has been withdrawn, and any considerations against this application refer to an incomplete application. The release of any information in relation to this request would therefore mean the release of unfinished information.

All exemptions under EIR are subject to the public interest, and the council must consider the public interest in releasing and withholding the information.

In considering the public interest in releasing the information the council has considered the general public interest in scrutiny of its decision-making processes and the value of informing the public of the processes that underlie its operations.

In considering the public interest against the council has considered the lack of public interest in releasing information that is misleading as it refers to a decision the council does no longer need to consider. As the planning application has now been withdrawn the council's report no longer has any bearing. Also in favour of the public interest in withholding this information is that any subsequent applications will be required to go through the planning process, allowing for the scrutiny of the application.

The council considers that the public interest in this case lies with maintaining the exemption.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk