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Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information dated 20/12/2022 about **emails between a named officer and named officials of the Department for Education**. We have dealt with this under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR2004).

### **Response**

The council holds the information requested. However, we are withholding the information because it is excepted as explained below. We have explained where we are withholding information and what exceptions apply. Please see the refusal notice below which explain how and why it applies.

*Copies of emails between Elizabeth Beaumont of Camden Council and both Name1 and Name2 of the Department for Education between the dates 22nd July 2021 and 20th December 2022.*

This information is excepted under the EIR2004. Please see the exception notice set out below.

### **Refusal Notice**

**Regulation 12(5)(b) provides an exception from the disclosure of environmental information which would adversely affect the course of justice, the ability of a person to receive a fair trial or the ability of a public authority to conduct an inquiry of a criminal or disciplinary nature.**

The Council has a current investigation open, and the information relates to a claim that has been made in the County Court. Providing information could adversely impact our case.

In applying this exception, the Council has also considered the balance of the public interest in line with the EIR 2004.

The public interest argument for releasing this information is:

- The Council would be providing information in an open and transparent way.
- The presumption in favour of disclosure in the regulations.

The public interest arguments for withholding the information are:

- The Council must carry out its work in a fair, legal and ethical manner.
- Releasing the information would hamper the legal proceedings.

We considered whether the presumption in favour of disclosure in the regulations overrides the decision to withhold and have concluded that it does not.

It is felt that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

### **Advice and assistance:**

As advice and assistance, planning information is available on the Council's Planning Portal <https://planningrecords.camden.gov.uk/>

### **Further Information**

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Yours sincerely,

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