

From: XXXXX

Sent: 22 March 2011 13:48

To: XXXXX

Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Request P0007289

Attachments: Faber Economic Report Version AECOM names removed.doc; Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner.doc
Dear XXXXX

FOI Request No. P0007289

I refer to my email of 11 March in response to your earlier request of 21 January requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I am responding to your request for a copy of the "2008b Report" which is entitled the "Blue Badge Scheme Financial Evaluation Report". In relation to this you also asked the Department to confirm which authorities had said that enforcement needed to be improved and what action they have taken subsequently.

I can confirm that the Department does hold the majority of the information you requested – as explained further below.

(i) Please find a copy of the report attached.

As you know we required an extension of time in which to respond to your FOI request in order to consider whether any of the information in the report might be exempt information under section 31 of FOIA (law enforcement). We have now considered this further and reached the view that no information in the report should be withheld in reliance on section 31.

However, the names and contact details of AECOM employees have been withheld under section 40(2) of FOIA (personal information) - on the grounds that it would be unfair in terms of the first data protection principle to disclose that information.

(ii) With regard to your request for details of which authorities said that enforcement needed to be improved, I can confirm that the Department does hold the information but is withholding it in reliance on section 41 of FOIA (information provided in confidence).

(iii) You also asked what action local authorities have taken to improve enforcement. The Department does not hold this information and so is not in a position to disclose it.

Please be aware that the 2008b Report is an unpublished draft, and was never signed off or agreed by DfT. We therefore cannot vouch for the accuracy of the information. In addition, the Department does not necessarily agree with the content or conclusions reached in the report.

If you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to the Department's Information Rights Unit at:

Zone D/04
Ashdown House
Sedlescombe Road North
Hastings
East Sussex TN37 7GA
E-mail: FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

XXXXX
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Department for Transport
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-----Original Message-----

From: XXXXX [mailto:XXXXX@dft.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: 08 March 2011 13:20

To: XXXXX

Subject: Freedom of Information Request P0007289

Dear XXXXX

FOI Request No. P0007289

Further to my email to you of 4 March, I am now in a position to respond to part of your email of 21 January requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Your request concerned two unpublished reports prepared by AECOM, and was for the following.

* "2008b Report" - You requested a copy of this report, which is entitled the "Blue Badge Scheme Financial Evaluation Report". In relation to this you also asked the Department to confirm which authorities had said that

enforcement needed to be improved and what action they have taken subsequently.

* "2009 report" - You requested the names of the 224 local authorities that AECOM surveyed about enforcement, and the names of the 17% who said they had a dedicated enforcement team.

I am responding to that part of the request which relates to the AECOM 2009 report. I am hoping to be able to respond to your request for a copy of the AECOM 2008b report by the end of the week.

AECOM 2009 Report

I am writing to advise you that the Department does hold the information you requested. Please find attached a list of the local authorities that were approached by AECOM to carry out the survey. It seems that the number of local authorities does not quite reach the total of 224 and I am unable to account for this small discrepancy. I also attach a list of those authorities that stated they had a dedicated fraud team.

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LIST OF COUNCILS:

Allerdale Borough Council
Ashford Borough Council
Aylesbury Vale District Council
Barnet London Borough Council
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Barrow in Furness Borough Council
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Bath and North East Somerset Council
Bedford Borough Council
Bexley London Borough Council
Birmingham City Council
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
Blackpool Council
Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council
Borough of Poole Council
Bournemouth Borough Council
Bracknell Forest Council
Brent London Borough Council
Brentwood Council
Brighton and Hove Council
Bristol City Council
Bromley London Borough Council
Broxbourne Borough Council
Burnley Borough Council
Bury Metropolitan Borough Council
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Cambridge City Council
Camden London Borough Council
Cannock Chase District Council
Canterbury City Council
Carlisle City Council
Castle Point Borough Council
Central Bedfordshire
Charnwood Borough Council
Chelmsford Borough Council
Cheltenham Borough Council
Cheshire East Council
Cheshire West and Chester Council
Chesterfield Borough Council
Chiltern District Council
Chorley Borough Council
Christchurch Borough Council
City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council
City of London Council
City of London Council
City of Westminster Council
Colchester Council including Braintree and Uttlesford
Copeland Borough Council
Cornwall Council
Cotswold District Council

Coventry City Council
Croydon London Borough Council
Dacorum Borough Council
Darlington Borough Council
Dartford Council
Derby City
Derbyshire CC
Derbyshire County Council
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council
Dorset County Council
Dover District Council
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Durham County Council
Ealing London Borough Council
East Devon District Council
East Hertfordshire Council
East Staffordshire Borough Council
East Sussex County Council _Eastbourne
Eastleigh Borough Council
Elmbridge Borough Council
Enfield London Borough Council
Epping Forest District Council
Epsom and Ewell Borough Council
Exeter City Council
Fareham Borough Council
Fylde Borough Council
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council
Gloucester City Council
Gravesham Borough Council
Guildford Borough Council
Hackney London Borough Council
Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council
Harborough District Council
Haringey London Borough Council
Harlow Borough
Harrogate Borough Council
Harrow London Borough Council
Hart District Council
Hartlepool Borough Council
Hastings Borough Council
Havant Borough Council
Havering London Borough Council
Herefordshire Council
Hertsmere Council
Hillingdon London Borough Council
Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Horsham District Council
Hounslow London Borough Council
Ipswich Borough Council
Isle of Wight Council
Islington Borough Council

Kensington and Chelsea Royal Borough Council
Kingston upon Hull City Council
Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Lambeth London Borough Council
Lancashire County Council
Leeds City Council
Leicester City Council
Leicestershire County
Lewisham London Borough Council
Lichfield District Council
Liverpool City Council
Luton Borough Council
Maldon District Council
Manchester City Council
Merton London Borough Council
Mid Devon District Council
Mid Sussex District Council
Middlesbrough Metropolitan Borough Council
Mole Valley District Council
New Forest District Council
Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council
Newcastle upon Tyne City Council
Newham London Borough Council
North Devon District Council
North Hertfordshire Council
North Tyneside Borough Council
North West Leicestershire County Council
North Yorkshire County Council
Northamptonshire County Council
Northumberland County Council
Norwich City Council
Nottingham Unitary Council
Nottinghamshire County Council
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
Oxfordshire County Council
Pendle Borough Council
Peterborough City Council
Plymouth City Council
Portsmouth Council
Reading Borough Council
Redbridge London Borough Council
Redcar and Cleveland Council
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council
Richmond upon Thames London Borough Council
Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Rochford Council
Rossendale Borough Council
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Royal Borough Kingston-upon-Thames London Borough Council
Rugby Borough Council

Runnymede Borough Council
Rushmore Council
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
Scarborough Borough Council
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council
Sevenoaks District Council
Sheffield City Council
Shepway District Council
Shropshire Council
Slough Borough Council
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
South Hams District Council
South Lakeland District Council
South Ribble Borough Council
South Staffordshire Council
South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council
Southampton City Council
Southend on Sea Borough Council
Southwark London Borough Council
Spelthorne Borough Council
St Albans District Council
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council
Stafford Borough Council
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Stoke on Trent
Stratford Upon Avon Council
Stroud District Council
Sunderland City Council
Surrey Heath Borough Council
Sutton London Borough Council
Swale District Council
Swindon Borough Council
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council
Tamworth Borough Council
Tandridge District Council
Taunton Deane Borough Council
Teignbridge District Council
Telford and Wrekin Borough Council
Tendring District Council
Test Valley Borough Council
Tewkesbury Borough Council
Thanet District Council
Thurrock Council
Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council
Torbay Council
Torridge District Council
Tower Hamlets London Borough Council
Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council
Tunbridge Wells District Council
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

Waltham Forest London Borough Council

Warrington Borough Council

Warwick District Council

Waverley Borough Council

West Devon Borough Council

West Lancashire District Council

Weymouth and Portland Borough Council

Wiltshire Council

Winchester Council

Windsor and Maidenhead Royal Borough Council

Wirral Borough Council

Woking Borough Council

Wolverhampton City Council

Worcester City Council

Worthing Borough Council

Wychavon District Council

Wycombe District council

Wyre Borough Council

York City Council

LIST OF 17% OF COUNCILS:

Names of Councils
Barnet London Borough Council
Bath and North East Somerset Council
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
Camden London Borough Council
City of London Council
City of Westminster Council
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council
Enfield London Borough Council
Hackney London Borough Council
Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council
Haringey London Borough Council
Harrow London Borough Council
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