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Dear xxxxxxxxx,

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I am writing to confirm that the Department does hold the information you requested on 16 August, namely:

I require copies of the Section 31 Harbours Act objection letters and responses by the Harbour Authority, in regard to the Bembridge and Langstone Section 31 Appeals.

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information.

A copy of the information is enclosed. Individuals' names have been redacted under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, which provides an absolute exemption from the disclosure of personal information. To release the names and would contravene the first data protection principle.

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
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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

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Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter about the way in which your request for information was handled and/or about the decision not to disclose all or part of the information requested. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its FOI publication scheme.

Your complaint will be acknowledged and you will be advised of a target date by which to expect a response. Initially your complaint will be re-considered by the official who dealt with your request for information. If, after careful consideration, that official decides that his/her decision was correct, your complaint will automatically be referred to a senior independent official who will conduct a further review. You will be advised of the outcome of your complaint and if a decision is taken to disclose information originally withheld this will be done as soon as possible.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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