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Dear XXXXX,

Our Ref: FOI0007437

4 April 2011

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I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 4 March 2011.

I am pleased to attach the correspondence requested under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, between the Department and Devon County Council regarding the authorisation of a Restricted Zone in Manchester Road, Exmouth.

I also attach a copy of an authorisation dated 1 April 2011, with supporting documents. As the authorisation is dated subsequent to your request, this information is not being released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, these documents are relevant to your request and I am including this material in the interest of transparency.

The names of external stakeholders and Departmental junior officials, that is staff below the senior civil service, have been withheld in reliance on the personal information exemption at section 40(2) and 40(3) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the full section 40 wording is at Annex A). These individuals have an expectation that their names will not be put into the public domain therefore it would be unfair for us to release them and would contravene the first data protection principle.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. The Department will, therefore, be simultaneously releasing to the public the information you requested, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

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:

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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,

XXX XXXXXX

Your right to complain to [DfT/Agency] 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
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