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Dear [Name Redacted]

Freedom of Information – Request for Information

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

Details of Your Request

I would like to request information under FOIA about planning applications where the applicant is an overseas company.

By 'overseas company' I mean any body corporate either legally incorporated in a foreign country or registered to or providing an address in a foreign country.

I would be especially interested in this information in respect of the three calendar years from January 2012 up until the date my request was lodged. However, I will be grateful for the requested information in respect of a narrower time frame if this would help to make release of the information more manageable for you within cost/time restrictions.

1) Please can you advise me how and where information is stored about applicants for planning permission, in particular the names of any IT databases or paper-based filing systems used and how they can be filtered or searched to reveal applications where the applicant is an overseas company?

2) Please can you tell me how many planning applications have been lodged by an overseas company?

3) Please can you provide me with brief details of each planning application, in particular the address of the land/building, the planning reference number, or some other piece of information I can use to look this up myself? I understand that it is not my responsibility to specify where the requested information is stored and how it should be gathered in preparation for release.

The response to your request as follows:

- 1) All planning applications are stored electronically on our M3 Northgate back office system. All documentation is stored electronically within our Civica Electronic data management system and is linked to the M3 Northgate back office system, allowing publication on the Borough council's website. The information on the website allows searching by a number of ways including application number, site address, applicants name, or on a date range. You cannot search on an applicants name.**
- 2) We have checked our database as far back as it is possible which is 2006 and there has been no applications that match your criteria.**
- 3) N/a**

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Yours Sincerely

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