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22nd October 2015

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

The direct disposal by the council of land and property interests where the purchaser 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 the purchasers of council interests in land and buildings, in particular the names of any IT databases or paper-based filing systems used and how they can be filtered or searched to reveal direct disposals to an overseas company?

2) Please can you tell me how many land and property interests have been directly disposed of to an overseas company?

3) Please can you provide me with brief details of each disposal, in particular the date of disposal and address of the land/building, a link to the council report, or some other piece of information I can use to look this up myself?

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) There have been no applications submitted by overseas companies between 1st January 2012 and 22nd October 2015**
- 3) N/A**

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Yours Sincerely

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