

FW: Information request - internal review (ref: 6875124)

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From: Tony Mason ([REDACTED])  
To: [REDACTED]  
Date: Sunday, 28 February 2021, 12:03 GMT

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**From:** Tony Mason  
**Sent:** 28 February 2021 11:24  
**To:** Jon Hill <[REDACTED]>; Clair Green <[REDACTED]>; Cath Shaw <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Mark Shooter (sub <[REDACTED]>; Anthony Finn <[REDACTED]>; Nizza Fluss <[REDACTED]>; matthew.offord <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** FW: Information request - internal review (ref: 6875124)

To: LB Barnet EIR request team,

Based on the email below, the 20 days internal response period expired on COB Fri 26th February 2021. Therefore, if I have not received a response by COB Mon 1st March 2021, I will assume that LBB is refusing to respond to the request for the internal review, and I will advise the Information Commissioner accordingly.

Note: in my view, a request for an extension is unlikely to be justified. This is because the challenges I have made to LBB's initial response is that recognised EIR case law has not been correctly applied to each redaction. If I might put it this way, LBB's legal strategy appears to be to throw every possible EIR legal exemption into the mix (including the kitchen sink) in the hope that something sticks. This is a very poor legal strategy, as those exemptions that are not justified undermine those exemptions that might be justified. I, therefore, encourage LBB to be more focused when making redactions to the Outline Business Case.

Regards

Tony Mason

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**From:** Tony Mason  
**Sent:** 28 January 2021 21:20  
**To:** Jon Hill <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Information request - internal review (ref: 6875124)

Hi Jon,

Thank you for confirming that LBB will undertake an independent review.

The words highlighted in Yellow below are default wording and, as stated in my previous email, I have sufficient grounds to escalate to the ICO after receiving the 1<sup>st</sup> response and in advance of receiving a delayed 2<sup>nd</sup> response. In addition, escalating to the ICO at this time does not prevent LBB from completing their internal review and then providing this 2<sup>nd</sup> response to the ICO at a later date.

Regards

Tony Mason

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**From:** Jon Hill <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 28 January 2021 20:13  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Information request - Internal review (ref: 6875124)



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Our reference: 6875124

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Dear Mr Mason

Thank you for your request for a review received on 28 January 2021. I'm sorry to hear that you are unhappy with the council's response to your information request.

We will now conduct an internal review. The review will be independent and impartial, will reconsider the merits of the case and will identify any errors in the handling of your request.

We aim to complete internal reviews promptly and in any event within 20 working days from receipt of a complaint. In exceptional cases we may take longer, but we will not exceed 40 working days. This is in line with guidance issued by the Information Commissioner.

If, following our review, you are still unhappy with the way we have applied the Act, you can appeal directly to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45; website: <https://ico.org.uk/>). There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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