

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_2019069**
Date FOI Received: **28/01/2019**
Department: **Environmental Health**
Title: **Private groundwater abstraction**
Description: **Details of those engaged in private groundwater abstractions within 1km of Shell Elton Way, A41, Watford, WD25 8HH**

Request: *(As Redacted sent by requestor)*

I am looking for some information on private groundwater abstractions that do not require a licence from the Environment Agency. I would be grateful if you could supply me with information concerning any private groundwater abstractions which are present within a 1km radius of the location listed below:

- Shell Elton Way, A41, Watford, WD25 8HH

If possible, for each abstraction please could you supply:

- Details of name, address and/or grid reference of each groundwater abstraction;
- What it is used for;
- Date of commencement of abstraction
- The main aquifer unit the groundwater is abstracted from.

My request refers to private groundwater supplies that do not need an abstraction licence from the Environment Agency e.g. a supply of drinking water from a well.

Response: *(Response as Redacted sent by service)*

The Council considers that your request is a request for Environmental Information which falls to be considered under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ('the 2004 Regulations').

Decision on Your Request

The Council confirms that it holds information relevant to your request but declines to communicate that information to you.

As the Council has determined to withhold information relevant to your request, I am required to state the exemption upon which the Council relies

Relevant Exemption(s) - Regulation 13 of the 2004 Regulations - Disclosure would breach the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018.

The information you have requested constitutes third party personal information. Regulation 13 of the 2004 Regulations provides that where a request for information includes personal data of which the requestor is not the data subject and disclosure would constitute a breach of any of the data protection principles in the Data Protection Act 2018, the Council **shall not** disclose that data.

In this regard the Council is satisfied that disclosure of the requested information would constitute a breach of the second data protection principle as set out in section 87 of the Data Protection Act 2018 in that disclosure would be incompatible with the purpose for which the information was originally collected by the Council.

You're Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the Council's decision on your request 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, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF and further information about this procedure is available from the Information Commissioner's web site – www.ico.org.uk.

If you have any queries about the processing of your request then please do not hesitate to contact me. Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to information requests together with a complaints/appeals procedure is available in our reception or via our website at:

<https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Your-Council/Official-Publications--Guides--Policies/Access-to-Information.aspx>

The Information Commissioner oversees the application of the Freedom of Information Act. You may contact the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioners Office

Wycliffe House, Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545700

Website: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Please include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services