

FOI number: **HBC\_FOI\_20210093**  
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Department: **Planning**  
Title: **Potters Bar Golf Course (PB2) and Local Plan**  
Description: **Potters Bar Golf Course (PB2) and Local Plan**

**Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)**

This request relates to the due diligence carried out by Hertsmere BC in respect of the inclusion of Potters Bar Golf Course (PB2) in the list of sites considered for housing development under the new Local Plan.

The request is for copies of:

1. All submissions and representations made to the Council relating to the flood risk on the site.
2. All research and flood risk assessments carried out by or on behalf of the Council in relation to the site.
3. Copies of any conclusions and recommendations prepared by Hertsmere officers, employees or external contractors in respect of the above.

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

1. **All submissions and representations made to the Council relating to the flood risk on the site.**

The Council confirms that it holds the information but declines to disclose it and relies on the exemption contained in regulation 12 (5) (e) Environmental Information Regulations 2004. This provides that a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that its disclosure would adversely affect - (e) the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest.

The remainder of the requested information has been provided to the Council by a landowner/site promoter in confidence, and the publication of the requested material would be detrimental to the developer's commercial interests in developing the site in question. The public interest in enabling a development enterprise to keep its financial affairs confidential especially where there is a contractual obligation in place outweighs the public interest in publication of that information.

The promoter of the site CEG has however confirmed they are able to make a copy of the flood risk report available. To obtain a copy, please contact [london@lichfields.uk](mailto:london@lichfields.uk) and reference Potters Bar Golf Course in the email subject.

2. **All research and flood risk assessments carried out by or on behalf of the Council in relation to the site.**

Hertsmere's Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (2018) is available to view on our website here: <https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Planning--Building-Control/Planning->

[Policy/Local-Plan/New-Local-Plan/Supporting-Studies.aspx](#) (The river passing through the Golf Course site was not modelled as part of this piece of work).

3. **Copies of any conclusions and recommendations prepared by Hertsmere officers, employees or external contractors in respect of the above.**

HBC officers have reviewed the documentation sent to us by the promoter. Officers have not made any recommendations/conclusions regarding the site at this time.

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

Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

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