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Dear Cllr. Hubbard,

Information Request: New Forest Parking Scheme- our ref: 100-26

Thank you for your enquiry, received on 17th April 2026 and clarified on 24th May. This letter only deals with the aspects of your request which are in addition to your earlier requests and does not cover matter already addressed in those previous requests (refs 067-26 and 095-26):

- 1. internal correspondence, emails, memoranda, briefings and meeting notes involving senior staff relating to the Equality Impact Assessment for the New Forest parking charging scheme;*
- 2. internal consideration of compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty in the context of access to and use of the New Forest environment;*
- 3. internal identification, discussion or assessment of risks, deficiencies, concerns or mitigation measures relating to equality impacts and environmental access arising from the proposed scheme;*
- 4. any direction, instruction, guidance or expectation that the National Parking EqlA should be applied to the New Forest scheme;*
- 5. internal consideration of whether reliance on the National Parking EqlA was appropriate in the New Forest context; and*
- 6. communications with DEFRA or other central government bodies concerning the adoption, application or limitations of the National Parking EqlA in the New Forest context.*

We have considered your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) as the information you are seeking is considered “environmental information” as defined in Regulation 2 of the EIR. You can read more about the EIR [here](#).

Access to information legislation, which includes FOI, EIR and Data Protection Act, is a right of access to recorded information held at the time a request is received (unless an exception is engaged). Documents are disclosed (subject to any redactions) ‘as held’ which means that there is no requirement to create information in order to answer a question, provide opinion, put the information into context or provide links to publicly held information created elsewhere.



Please find our response below/attached:

We have attached the recently updated Equality Impact Assessment for the New Forest parking charging scheme and an explanatory note regarding Blue Badge holders. These, unlike other aspects of your request, are finished documents, currently in use, not earlier drafts or internal discussions concerning their drafting.

We are unable to disclose any of the other documentation that you have requested as they attract the exemption for internal communications granted by Regulation 12(4)(e). A Public Interest Test on this question is also attached.

We have tried to deal with your request as fully as possible. If you have any questions, then we would be happy to try and answer these for you. However, should you wish to request an internal review of our response, within forty working days, please contact:

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Email: commissioners@forestrycommission.gov.uk

We aim to resolve any concerns with you directly in the first instance. However, should the matter fail to be resolved to your satisfaction, you may make an additional appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Further information on the role of the ICO and guidance on FOI/EIR can be found on the ICO's website: www.ico.org.uk or by calling the ICO helpline: 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,

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