

Freedom of Information Request received 22.10.15

Dear Parish Council,

At its Playing Fields Committee meeting on 20 October Mr [REDACTED] spoke of six documents including a report having been lodged with the Council regarding the fencing of the Rublees Allotments. Mr [REDACTED] spoke of problems of access and of difficult decisions for the Council.

We are concerned about what may be intended. As a community organisation invited to make submissions to the Neighbourhood Plan and with many supporters who feel passionately about the MPF and the views towards the Downs we would be very grateful if we could be involved with the Orchard Group and the allotmenters in any consultations, please.

In the meantime we would like to know what Mr [REDACTED] has in mind and so please could the six documents either be uploaded to the Council's website or alternatively please could we have a copy of each? This is a request under the Environmental Information Regulations. We understand that things may be moving quickly, with a possible extraordinary meeting of the Committee because of grant deadlines. For that reason we gently remind you that under the Regulations the twenty day time provision is a long-stop deadline, not a target. The duty is to respond as soon as possible and as the documents have just been lodged there would appear to be no reason for any delay. This is what the ICO Guidance says:-

*"The Regulations say you have to make information available **as soon as possible**, and no later than 20 working days. You should count the first working day after you receive the request as the first day. **You shouldn't wait until the twentieth day to respond to a request – your main obligation is to provide the information as soon as possible after you receive the request***