

**Community and Enterprise Resources**  
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Mr Robert Freel  
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**Our ref:** FOI/A4367323/4  
**Your ref:**  
**If calling ask for:** Judith Gibb  
**Phone:** *Email only at present*  
**Date:** 14 November 2022

Dear Mr Freel

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)**  
**Request for information**

I refer to your request for information dated 18 October 2022 and received by the Council on 19 October 2022 in which you ask for the following information regarding potential sites that were identified and examined and then rejected before a decision was taken to purchase the land that Stonehouse Lifestyles currently sits on (built 2009/10):

- Can you provide details of the sites examined and any reports made by council officers.

Your request was followed up on the same date with additional information in which you provided the Executive Committee Report from 2008 and provide the following extract at 3.2 which intimated that alternative potential sites were considered and surveyed, and the site investigators revealed poor ground conditions. You confirm that it is these reports and surveys that you seek information on.

**Response to Requests**

The Council has searched its records and has located the 2008 Committee Report referred to however no other records have been located.

As the Council does not hold any details of the sites examined and reports made by Council offers, beyond those in the Executive Committee report entitled Stonehouse Integrated Community Facility from 27 August 2008, copy attached, the information is exempt in terms of Section 17 of FOISA.

**Request for review**

We have an internal panel (the Review Panel) to deal with complaints from people who are not happy about the way that we have handled their request. Staff not involved in the original decision will handle any review.

If you want to complain, you can ask the Review Panel to look at the way that we have dealt with your request. It will consider whether we have complied with the requirements of the legislation. Please note that if you wish to complain, you must do so by 18 January 2023. You must explain why you are not happy when requesting a review.

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Email: [judith.gibb@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:judith.gibb@southlanarkshire.gov.uk)

Please note that the Review Panel cannot look at any decisions taken by the Council or actions of the Council or any of its employees or a service provided by it that are not connected to the handling of your request for information.

You should send your request for a review to:

Mr. W. Dunn  
Information Compliance Manager  
Finance and Corporate Resources  
Floor 11  
Council Offices  
Almada Street  
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Alternatively, you can request a review at [foi.reviews@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:foi.reviews@southlanarkshire.gov.uk).

### **Appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner**

If you are not happy with the outcome of the review, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. The Commissioner will decide whether we have dealt with your request properly. Please see the Commissioner's website at [www.itspublicknowledge.info](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info) for further details.

Yours sincerely

*pp Anne Lewis*

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