
21st July 2020

Dear Hayley

Thank you for your email of 13th July 2020 in which you replied to my Freedom of Information request.

My apologies for taking a little bit of time to respond to your email, but it needed to be circulated to all Parish Councillors for comment for a cohesive reply.

My fellow councillors and I are somewhat confused with the veracity of an aspect of your reply, and that being the case we wonder how we can rely on the remainder of your replies.

On the Planning Application form for Application it is categorically stated that the Applicant is **ILMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**, not as you say Committee. The Application form is in the public domain, so I cannot understand what has led to your stance. I am afraid that as you have got such a fundamental part of your reply to me wrong, I am unable to rely on any of your other replies, to what are fairly simple questions.

You will recall your letter goes on to say that the Council does not have a complaints procedure regarding Freedom of Information. That is not what a live chat with the Information Commissioner's Office revealed:- They state, "**that the Council must have processes in place as a public body to be able to consider and respond to such requests. The Council has an obligation to do so and cannot simply advise individuals that the council cannot consider something due to not having a correct FOI complaints procedure in place**".

So in conclusion, I do not accept the answers given in your email, and would ask you to research a little more diligently before your next reply.

Yours sincerely
