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Dear Mr Sheehan

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004
Provision of Requested Information**

Thank you for your request for information, the details of which are set out below. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Details of request:

Application to Deregister and Exchange Land at Beverley Westwood - COM544

In relation to the application to the Common Land Team to swap land at Longcroft School to replace the common land lost to allow the carriageway on the B1230 to be widened to accommodate a cycle lane, I should be grateful if you inform me as to how much has been spent by the council on this to date. Specifically:

1. How much has the application and subsequent responses and correspondence with the objectors cost both in direct costs and in staff time?
2. How much will the Hedgerow Removal Notice cost to produce (by ERYC) and process (by ERYC)?
3. How much is the total anticipated cost, not including the legal fees referred to above, for the construction of the cycle lane on Beverley Westwood?

Response:

1. The cost for the S16 application to the Planning Inspectorate is £5,745.16 for 'legal fees and planning costs'. There has been an additional cost of approximately £55 on legal correspondence with objectors.

However, generally staff time is not directly attributed to this particular scheme since within the Authority individuals carry out more than one task across different areas. It is therefore not possible to say what the specific cost in staff time has been in providing responses and entering into correspondence with the objectors subsequent to the application.

2. An application for hedgerow removal has not been made. If a decision is made that it is appropriate to consider the removal of a hedgerow the costs involved in the process will be solely due to officer time across various departments, with officers at different scales, as well as the likelihood that the matter would be taken to Members for their approval. You will see therefore that it is not possible to give an estimate of the cost of producing and processing a Hedgerow Removal Notice.
3. The current estimate for the maintenance work required on the footway, which would include the widening to allow cycle use, is £200,000.

If you are dissatisfied with the above decision or how your request has been handled you can ask for the council to review this by contacting me within 6 weeks of this letter which is 8 August 2014.

A senior manager will carry out the review and under Regulation 11 provide a response within 40 working days. It will provide a fair and thorough review of the decisions taken and where necessary how your request has been handled, including decisions taken as to where the public interest lies in respect of excepted information.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the council's review procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House, Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely



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