

Request 8278 – Planned Cambridge International Technology Park development off Fulbourn Road, Cambridge

Coltsfoot Close, the closest properties, residents have only just been alerted to this major development, with no prior warning and minimal time (two weeks) to respond to a consultation document. I understand that no planning application has yet been submitted, or at least I cannot evidence it on your planning portal. Can you confirm that is the case please?

Please can you also respond with the following information:

- What interaction has the council had with the developers or their agents?
- What guidance or information has been provided to any interested parties?
- What interaction has been had with the the Parish Councils? If so, what is the content of such interactions?

Detail of the scheme and all we know is available from:

<https://www.abstractsecurities.com/cambridge-international-technology-park>

Response

As your request concerns environmental matters we are obliged to consider your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. (EIR) We can confirm that we do hold information relevant to your request.

This information currently is in the form of a pre application enquiry and is yet to be concluded. As the file is not complete and the matter is still active we find that exception regulation 12(4)(d) – material still in the course of completion, applies, and we decline to provide the material at the current time.

All exceptions under EIR require a public interest test to be applied to see whether it is reasonable to disclose any material into the public domain.

Whilst there is a presumption in favour of disclosure, and it is in the public interest to show transparency of the planning process and decision making, it is also in the public interest to allow fair and frank discussion for all parties in gaining advice and understanding of planning process matters in a secure and safe environment, especially when, as here, the material is not complete and disclosure may prejudice

further discussion or be misinterpreted.

The public expectation must be that processes are allowed to proceed to their conclusion in the normal manner. We appreciate you may be disappointed in this response, but hope our explanations are useful to you.