

EIR Request (received 31 May 2021) - Reference: DFI/2021-0196

Please provide, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, those references to or details of the procedures for the resolution of disagreements between DfI Roads and local Planning Authorities.

Response (issued 29 June 2021)

Thank you for your email of 31 May 2021 requesting, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI), the following information held by this office: "references and details of the procedures for the resolution of disagreements between DfI and local Planning Authorities".

In considering your request on behalf of the department I have determined that the information requested falls under the aegis of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, as opposed to the FOI Act 2000. Section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act specifically excludes from consideration under that Act requests for what is deemed to be environmental information. EIR gives rights of public access environmental information held by public authorities.

A guide explaining the Environmental Information Regulations can be found at:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-environmental-information-regulations/what-are-the-eir/>.

In response to your request, I can confirm that the Department does not hold information regarding specific procedures for the resolution of disagreements between DfI and local Planning Authorities. While DfI Roads are a statutory consultee on roads matters, ultimately the decision rests with the relevant Planning Authority.