

## **EIR Request (received 21 August 2019) - Reference: DFI/2019-0307**

Under the Freedom of Information I request the following relating to planning applications P/2010/0032 and P/2012/0831/RM.

1. A copy of the minutes and any notes from all meetings between Roads Service/Transport NI and Newry and Mourne District Council councillors and also Council officials relating to P/2010/0032 and P/2012/0831/RM - St Clare's Abbey Primary School, Newry - but specifically relating to the Travel Plan for the application.
2. A copy of notes from any telephone calls between Roads Service/Transport NI and Newry and Mourne District Council councillors and also Council officials relating to P/2010/0032 and P/2012/0831/RM - St Clare's Abbey Primary School, Newry - but specifically relating to the Travel Plan for the application.
3. A copy of any email/written correspondence between Roads Service/Transport NI and Newry, Mourne and Down District Council councillors and also Council officials relating to P/2010/0032 and P/2012/0831/RM - St Clare's Abbey Primary School, Newry - but specifically relating to the Travel Plan for the application.

## **Response (issued 06 September 2019)**

Thank you for your email dated 21 August 2019 seeking information associated with the above applications for St. Clare's Abbey Primary School.

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 (EIR), as opposed to Freedom of Information Act 2000. Your request is for information that relates to activities, policies or plans that affect the environment. Section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act specifically excludes from consideration under that Act requests for what is deemed to be environmental information.

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 have obtained the relevant files from storage and have been unable to locate any details of records of communications with Newry Mourne District Council councillors or officials about the matter of a travel plan associated with St. Clare's Primary School, I have included, however, copies of responses to the then Planning Service.

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