

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Proposed boundaries in data format: West Dorset
Date: 01 December 2014 22:13:37

Please consider the following request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The LGBCE has recently made recommendations in regard to new ward boundaries for West Dorset District Council.

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-west/dorset/west-dorset-fer>

I am requesting an electronic description of the proposed (final) ward boundaries in a *data format* as opposed to the images you have published on your site. Specifically, my request is for data in a format designed to be manipulated and reused electronically.

1. My preferred format is a text file listing each postcode in the constituency and the ward to which it has been allocated.
2. If this is not possible, a GIS compatible description of the boundaries, for example ESRI Shapefiles, would be acceptable.

The following guidance notes from the ICO may assist your deliberations

https://ico.org.uk/for_organisations/guidance_index/~media/documents/library/Freedom_of_Information/Detailed_specialist_guides/INFORMATION_FROM_ORIGINAL_SOURCES.ashx

https://ico.org.uk/~media/documents/library/Freedom_of_Information/Detailed_specialist_guides/datasets-foi-guidance.pdf

If the decision is made to withhold some of this data using exemptions in Act, please inform me of that fact and cite the exemptions used.

If you need any clarification then please contact me via email. Under your section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance I would expect you to contact me if you find this request unmanageable in any way.

I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request, and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Request for Information Under the Freedom of Information Act
Date: 04 December 2014 15:57:33

Dear [REDACTED],

Our ref: 16/14

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on Monday 1 December, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have requested:

“...an electronic description of the proposed (final) ward boundaries in a *data format* as opposed to the images you have published on your site. Specifically, my request is for data in a format designed to be manipulated and reused electronically.”

At present, I do not require clarification. However, I will need to consult with colleagues to find out whether we are able to supply the information in the format(s) requested. I may therefore need to contact you for clarification once I have spoken to them, which I hope to do tomorrow.

The Commission aims to respond promptly and within the statutory deadline of 20 working days. Please expect a response on or before 30 December 2014.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Vallotton
Business & Committee Services Manager
Sarah.vallotton@lgbce.org.uk
020 7664 8522

[REDACTED]
By Email
[REDACTED]

23 December 2014

Dear [REDACTED]

Our ref: 16/14

Thank you for your email of 1 December 2014, requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have requested:

“...an electronic description of the proposed (final) ward boundaries in a *data format* as opposed to the images you have published on your site. Specifically, my request is for data in a format designed to be manipulated and reused electronically.”

The Commission does hold information relevant to your request. We hold the final recommendations for West Dorset in MapInfo Tab file format. However, under the terms of the Public Sector Mapping Agreement (PSMA) Members Licence we can only share this data with other members of the PSMA. This is because the data is produced by Ordnance Survey and derived from Ordnance Survey products. Details on the PSMA can be found here - <http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/business-and-government/public-sector/mapping-agreements/public-sector-mapping-agreement.html>.

Ordnance Survey has recently started to release forward boundary line data for areas where the Commission has completed electoral reviews. Information on the forward boundary line data can be found here - <http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/business-and-government/help-and-support/products/boundary-line.html>. You should be able to

download a Shape file format of the boundaries where the Commission has completed reviews. This file will contain not only the data for West Dorset but also for other local authorities recently reviewed by the Commission. You should be able to extract the West Dorset information from this data.

Other information regarding the Commission's review of West Dorset is available on our website at <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/>

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, quoting the reference number above in any correspondence.

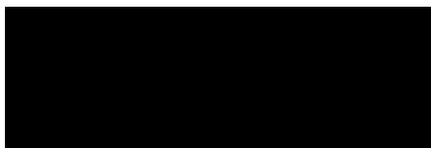
If you wish to request a review of our decision, you should write to me at:

Sarah Vallotton
Business & Committee Services Manager
Local Boundary Commission for England
Layden House
76-86 Turnmill Street
London
EC1M 5LG

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Details of this procedure can be found on the ICO website: <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

Yours sincerely,



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