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8 February 2022
Reference: E0005531

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 12 January 2022 for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

On 5 October the CAA Airfield Advisory Team uploaded an objection to a planning application seeking a change of use of Coventry Airport to Class B2 (general industrial) use for the purpose of building a battery factory.

On 15 October Planning Prospects Ltd (PPL) uploaded a response to the AAT's objection in which PPL alleged that the AAT is "not the CAA".

In that context, please would you provide a list of correspondence held by the CAA, including its Airfield Advisory Team, in respect of the planning application referred to above.

Our response:

In the CAA's view, the information you have requested falls under the definition of 'environmental information', and the CAA is therefore obliged to consider your request in line with the provisions of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

To provide some background, the Airfield Advisory Team (AAT) are a non-regulatory team who provide advice to Government, licensed and unlicensed airfields, and local planning authorities. The AAT is part of the CAA's International Group and is separate from the CAA's role as a safety regulator. More information about the AAT's role can be found at <https://www.caa.co.uk/general-aviation/working-with-you/airfield-advisory-team/>.

A list of correspondence is attached. We have redacted some personal information where disclosure of such personal information would be unfair. The individuals concerned would not have had an expectation that their personal data would be disclosed, and the CAA can identify no legitimate interest that would be served by disclosing this personal information. Disclosure would therefore be a breach of one of the data protection principles contained in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulation, specifically Article 5(1)(a), which states that personal data shall be 'processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation

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to the data subject ...' Regulation 13(1) of the EIR provides an exception from the duty to disclose for information that would contravene any of the data protection principles.

If you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you should approach the CAA in writing at:-

 @caa.co.uk

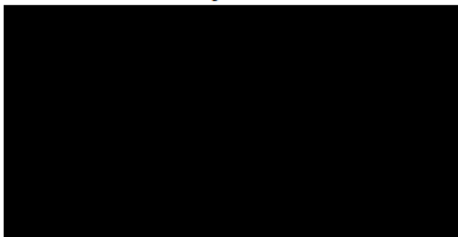
The CAA has a formal internal review process for dealing with appeals or complaints in connection with requests under the Environmental Information Regulations. The key steps in this process are set out in the attachment. A request for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of this letter.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Information Commissioner's Office
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF
<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at <http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?appid=24>.

Yours sincerely



CAA INTERNAL REVIEW & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

- The original case to which the appeal or complaint relates is identified and the case file is made available;
- The appeal or complaint is allocated to an Appeal Manager, the appeal is acknowledged and the details of the Appeal Manager are provided to the applicant;
- The Appeal Manager reviews the case to understand the nature of the appeal or complaint, reviews the actions and decisions taken in connection with the original case and takes account of any new information that may have been received. This will typically require contact with those persons involved in the original case and consultation with the CAA Legal Department;
- The Appeal Manager concludes the review and, after consultation with those involved with the case, and with the CAA Legal Department, agrees on the course of action to be taken;
- The Appeal Manager prepares the necessary response and collates any information to be provided to the applicant;
- The response and any necessary information is sent to the applicant, together with information about further rights of appeal to the Information Commissioners Office, including full contact details.