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**Subject:** RE: EIR (ref: 5284908) Rectory Farm Planning Appeal

The request was refused under Regulation 12(4)(b) – manifestly unreasonable. This exception was applied due to the impact it would have had on the planning team’s ability to carry out its core functions.

Yesterday we received a new/revised request from the requester demanding that the two requests are handled separately and with a slightly shorter timeframe on each. It is unlikely the shorter timeframe will narrow down the number of records enough to make much of a difference.

When we receive similar requests, on the same topic, from the same requester we have the right to combine the requests and consider their impact on the council together. As they have been advised previously, they can detail specifically what information they are looking for and we can narrow the search terms so the response can be provided without it being manifestly unreasonable.

It is possible that only supplying the information for Q2 would be possible but both combined produces a lot of emails that need to be assessed to determine whether they fall within the scope of the request.

As an added point, as this is a new request that has been submitted the 20 working day deadline has been restarted. The new due date is 22/10/2024.

Many thanks

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