



I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request disclosure of correspondence and records relating to the Astley Business Park development (Planning Reference A/23/96226/MAJOR).

Please provide copies of all correspondence -including emails, letters, meeting notes, Microsoft Teams chat logs, call notes, and file attachments, between any of the following Wigan Council officers:

- [REDACTED] (Case Officer)
- David Proctor (Head of Planning and Transport Strategy)
- Aidan Thatcher (Director of Place)
- Alison McKenzie-Folan OBE (CEO)
- Any other member of the planning or environmental health teams involved in the assessment of this application and representatives of any of the following organisations:
- PLP Holdings Ltd (and any subsidiary or agent acting for them)
- Peel Land and Property (Investments) PLC
- Peel
- Tetra Tech Ltd
- WSP UK Ltd
- MP James Grundy
- Ward Councillors

The correspondence requested should cover the period 1 June 2022 to 26 October 2025, and relate specifically to:

1. The decision and rationale for not requiring an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) or Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA);
2. Discussion or decisions regarding bund design, bund height, ground level measurement, or noise mitigation;
3. Site levels, landscaping, drainage, or ecological mitigation;
4. The public consultation process, including who should receive notifications or letters;
5. Any drafts or internal comments on the officer's report or committee briefing slides.
6. Any negotiations or conversations that took place relating to the Astley Business Park development site.

Please also include any internal summaries or memos produced by council officers that record or describe the above correspondence.

In response to questions 1 to 6 (inclusive) of this request, some of the material and information held by the Council is publicly available on our website. You can access this information by using the following link and entering the planning application reference 'A/23/96226/MAJOR':

[Search and comment on planning applications](#)

Guidance on how to use the search function is available on the same webpage, and also in the accompanying 'Public Access User Guide':

[Idox PA for Planning User Guide](#)

Further published information can also be found within the Planning Committee agenda and supporting documentation at which this application was heard on the 11 June 2024. This information is available on the Council's website at the following link:

[Agenda for Planning Committee on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, 2.00 pm](#)

Additionally, the Council is processing a separate FOI/EIR request (Council reference: FOI 18671) which includes information relevant to these request questions.

The response to FOI 18671 will be published on the Council's website in due course, at the link below:

[FOI Disclosure Log](#)

Once it becomes available, you are advised to refer to that response to access the information relevant to this request.