



It has been reported on Channel4 That King Charles/ Duchy of Lancaster has offered Wigan all or part of a land which has become contaminated with rubbish.

I seek information about this.

1. Please can I see communications from the Duchy
2. Please can I see communications to the Duchy
3. Please can I see internal documents discussion the issue

All communication between the Council and the Duchy of Lancaster was by their respective legal representatives and is therefore legally privileged. It is therefore exempt under s42 of the Freedom of Information Act. As this is a qualified exemption we have considered the public interest test. We have balanced the need to be as open and transparent against the need to permit legal communications to be privileged to allow client confidentiality and, legal advice to clients to be solely for the client. On balance we feel the need to respect professional legal privilege to be of greater importance and therefore any information will not be disclosed