



REQUEST 19375

Please provide copies of all correspondence between Wigan Council and the Duchy of Lancaster since 1 January 2025, relating to the illegal waste site at Bolton House Road, Bickershaw, Wigan. This includes but is not limited to emails, letters, meeting minutes, briefing notes, and any records of telephone calls or meetings.

RESPONSE

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