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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference CA137

With reference to your request for information received on 2 September 2021 reference CA137, please find the response provided below.

Your organisation is part of the Arc Leader's Group that has signed up to the "Shared regional principles for protecting, restoring and enhancing the environment in the Oxford-Cambridge Arc" hereinafter referred to as the Principles. # [download.php \(semlep.com\)](https://www.semlep.com/download.php)

Question 1

What date your Authority adopted these Principles?

Answer

The Combined Authority has not yet adopted the Principles.

Question 2

If you have not yet adopted them at what date or at which council meeting or with what other mechanism you plan to adopt them?

Answer

The Combined Authority will consider the Principles at its Board meeting on 27 October 2021.

Question 3

Following on from 1 or 2 above at which date you plan to test your Local Plan against the Principles and if you have already done so with what result?

Answer

The Combined Authority does not have statutory powers to produce a Local Plan.

Question 4

Also following on from 1 or 2 above at which date going forward you plan to assess every planning application or other methods of approving development against the Principles?

Answer

The Combined Authority does not have statutory powers to grant planning permission.

Question 5

Please describe any developments that you have refused because, possibly among other reasons, they do not meet the Principles?

Answer

See response to 4.

Question 6

Please describe what new projects you have initiated to implement the Principles. Please include their budget and timescales and how their effectiveness will be assessed?

Answer

The Combined Authority has yet to formally consider the Principles. The Principles state they will lead to the creation of an OxCam-wide Environmental Strategy, which the Combined Authority will provide input to.

Question 7

Please describe your reporting mechanism for informing the public how well you have implemented and adhered to the Principles?

Answer

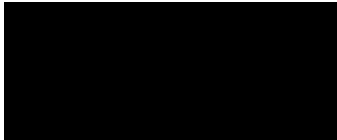
The Combined Authority reports regularly on all of its activities in its Business Plan and via updates on its website.

I hope this information is helpful but if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review, you should write to us via our contact us email address – democratic.services@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, the Mayor's Office, 72 Market Street, Ely, Cambs CB7 4LS within 40 days of the date of this e-mail.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, or via their website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Generally, the ICO will not undertake a review or make a decision on a request until the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely



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