

From: Freedom of Information Requests
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 12:38 PM
To:
Subject: EIR Response

Dear [REDACTED]

I note you have referred to your request as a Freedom of Information request however, as you are asking for information about the environment, it has been determined that your request falls under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR).

Thank you for your Environmental Information Regulation request dated 7 June 2024 for information about Article 4 Directive. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

1. Most recent Article 4 Directive shape files in vector format. Currently, the mapped Article 4 Directive cannot be assessed in sufficient detail, and having access to them in vector format is crucial for our analysis for planning purposes. I am happy to receive map/shape files in any recognised vector format which contains the coordinates describing the shape of the Article 4 area and can be used in GIS software.

As Article 4 Directives are part of land designation, these shape files should be publicly accessible. Therefore, I kindly ask that you provide these shape files in a compatible vector format.

2. Additionally, I request the most up-to-date Article 4 Directive documentation in re-usable (computer readable) format (not as images or scanned documents). Having access to this documentation is essential for our comprehensive understanding and application of these directives.

Response: This information is exempt from release under Regulation 6(1)(b) of the Environmental Information Regulations. Regulation 6(1) states: Where an applicant requests that the information be made available in a particular form or format, a public authority shall make it so available, unless—
(a) it is reasonable for it to make the information available in another form or format; or
(b) the information is already publicly available and easily accessible to the applicant in another form or format.

In this case, all details and web map showing the areas covered can be viewed here: [Article 4 Directions - City of Doncaster Council](#).

3. Also, please provide information about any APIs that you may have relating to planning information such as shape files, planning applications (in machine readable pdf) or other information.

Response: We have an API between the Planning Portal and our back-office planning system. This API sends data from the Portal to the Local Authority back-office planning system in relation to details of the planning application being submitted.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

The City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49 to respond to this request for information.

Reviewing any decisions made:

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. www.ico.org.uk Telephone 0303 123 1113.

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