

Burstow Parish Council

Environmental Information requests

Under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR's), a member of the public has a certain right of access to environmental information held by the Council. "Environmental information" means any information in written, visual, aural, electronic, or other material form.

(a) the state of the elements of the environment, such as air and atmosphere, water, soil, land, landscape, and natural sites including wetlands, coastal and marine areas, biological diversity, and its components, including genetically modified organisms, and the interaction among these elements

(b) factors, such as substances, energy, noise, radiation, or waste, including radioactive waste, emissions, discharges and other releases into the environment, affecting or likely to affect the elements of the environment referred to in (a)

(c) measures (including administrative measures), such as policies, legislation, plans, programmes, environmental, environmental agreements, and activities affecting or likely to affect the elements and factors referred to in (a) and (b) as well as measures or activities designed to protect those elements

(d) reports on the implementation of environmental legislation

(e) cost-benefit and other economic analyses and assumptions used within the framework of the measures and activities referred to in (c)

(f) the state of human health and safety, including the contamination of the food chain, where relevant, conditions of human life, cultural sites and built structures inasmuch as they are or may be affected by the state of the elements of the environment referred to in (a) or, through those elements, by any of the matters referred to in (b) and (c)

Charges are maybe levied to recover costs incurred in providing environmental information using an hourly rate of £25 for calculating the value of staff time in addition to any costs incurred when printing or copying the requested information and sending it to the applicant.

The Council has discretion to withhold certain types of information, such as: information relating to internal relations, national defence, or public security, legal or other proceedings, internal communications, unfinished documents or commercial or industrial confidential information. In the event of information being refused, a full explanation or the reasons for withholding the information will be given in writing.

If you have a request for environmental information, please email clerk@burstowparishcouncil.gov.uk

Further guidance and information can be found at the ICO website: ico.org.uk/guide-to-the-environmental-information-regulation