

15 September 2016



Re: FOI request 2016/309

Dear 

I refer to the request which you made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by this Department:

“I am writing to you in the hope of better understanding how the Department came to its decision not to raise any concerns about the proposed development at St. Pauls College in Raheny.

I am attaching previous correspondence to the Department which has gone unacknowledged and unanswered, and which hopefully is clear.

I am making this application under the FOI Act.

In a nutshell, the Department seem to have accepted at face value, a Needs Assessment Report prepared on behalf of a party with a vested interest in securing planning. The conclusions of the Needs Assessment Report have now been challenged by DCC who are seeking further information due to inconsistencies and a lack of clarity in the original Needs Assessment Report.”

I, Liz Marriott, Executive Officer have now made a final decision to grant your request on 15 September 2016.

A copy of the records relating to your request is now enclosed including a copy of the schedule of these records.

Right of appeal

You may appeal this decision. In the event that you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Education and Skills, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1. Your correspondence should include a fee of €30 (€10 for medical card holders) for processing the appeal.

Payment should be made by way of personal cheque or postal money order made payable to the accountant in the Department of Education and Skills. Please note the Department of Education and Skills no longer accept cheque payments from business users. For further information regarding payment methods for business users, please email foi@education.gov.ie

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding, the weekend and public holidays. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

Publication

All non-personal FOI requests will be recorded on an FOI disclosure log which will be published on the Department of Education and Skills website in due course.

Should you wish to discuss the above, please contact me by telephone at 057 9325403.

Yours sincerely

Liz Marriott
Executive Officer