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17th January 2017

Re: Request for Information under Freedom of Information Act 2014
Reference: 2016/495 (Item 2 of Request)

Dear [REDACTED]

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

- All records from 25th March 2016 to 22nd December 2016 to inclusive relating to the proposed new building for Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn.

I, Noeleen Newman, Executive Officer, as Decision maker for records associated with the proposed new building project for Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn have now made a final decision to part grant your request on 17th January 2017

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision. This explanation has the following parts:

1. A schedule of all of the records covered by your request;
2. An explanation of the relevant findings concerning the records to which access is denied, and
3. A statement of how you can appeal this decision should you wish to do so.

This letter addresses each of these three parts in turn.

1. Schedule of records

A schedule is enclosed with this letter, it shows the documents that this body considers relevant to your request. It describes each document and refers to the sections of the FOI Act which apply to prevent release. The schedule also refers you to sections of the detailed explanation given under heading 2 below, which are relevant to the document in question. It also gives you a summary and overview of the decision as a whole.

2. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access

The sections of the Act which can apply to deny access to documents are known as its exemption provisions.

Commercially sensitive Information

Section 36. (1) Subject to *subsection (2)*, a head shall refuse to grant an FOI request if the record concerned contains-

- (b) financial, commercial, scientific or technical or other information whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to result in a material financial loss or gain to the person to whom the information relates, or could prejudice the competitive position of that person in the conduct of his or her profession or business or otherwise in his or her occupation, or
- (c) information whose disclosure could prejudice the conduct or outcome of contractual or other negotiations of the person to whom the information relates.

3. Rights of Appeal

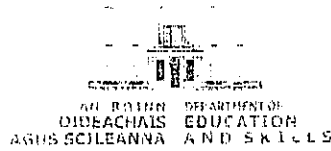
You may appeal this decision. In the event that you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the

Freedom of Information Unit,
Department of Education and Skills,
Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1.

Your correspondence should include a fee of €30 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.

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Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone on 057-9324469

Yours sincerely,

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