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Sent via email to [@gmail.com](#)

Dear

Freedom of Information Request

I write in response to your Freedom of Information request dated 22 October 2024, as detailed below.

1. If we have a lease between Wakefield Council and Ackworth Parish Council on the land where the play area is situated down at Town End playing field, Low Ackworth.

[There is currently no live lease in place.](#)

2. If we do have a lease on this land, can I please have a copy?

[There is currently no live lease in place.](#)

3. If we don't, can you please tell me when the last lease expired?

[We do not hold an electronic copy of the expired lease as aged items are held in paper form.](#)

[Therefore, under exemption 7 of our freedom of information policy held on our website, I must reject your request as I deem it would take too much staff time to deal with this request in searching archived boxes of paperwork for an expired previous lease no longer in use.](#)

Extract from the APC FOI policy: 'It would cost too much or take too much staff time to deal with the request. Staff time will be calculated at £25.00 per hour and costs may aggregated for related requests within 60 days from' [Policies - Ackworth Parish Council](#)

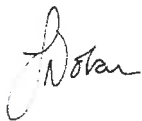
If you would like to proceed with this request, I can add the request to the December Council Meeting agenda for their review, however please be advised that an hourly rate of £25 can be applied to this request which would be chargeable to yourself should the request be accepted.

Ackworth Parish Council has been in open communication with WMDC to negotiate new lease terms and continues to act as the custodian of this land which includes provisions covering the play area and grounds maintenance of the playing field.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner by phone 0303 123 1113 or website <https://ico.org.uk/>

There is no charge for making this request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Nolan'.

Jemma Nolan
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