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Sent via email to \_\_\_\_\_@btinternet.com

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

### **Freedom of Information Request**

I write in response to your Freedom of Information request dated 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024, as per the below questions which I have provided the information held on record.

- a) Did the Parish secure a lease on Low Ackworth Building and land in 2016 Taking this as true would mean we have a lease in place till 2046
- i) Is this True a Yes / No answer will suffice
  - ii) If this is not the case will Councillor Balfour be publishing a retracted statement Yes / No

ai) The information I was provided upon handover in role in 2023, was that the lease offered in 2016 by WMDC was later deemed not fit for purpose and later retracted. I am unable to provide any further information on this matter as wasn't in post at the time. Therefore, in answer to your question, 'yes' there was a lease drawn up in 2016 however 'no' this same lease is not in place today.

a ii) There will be no retraction to the 2016 report, information was correct at the time of report creation however has since changed.

- b) Re the discussions you are having about the lease is this to extend the lease Councillor Balfour stated is in place Yes / No  
No – as per above

Or

Is this because there is no live lease in place

- c) So back to the crux of my enquiry Is there a current lease in place Yes / No  
No – a new 'renewal' lease is currently being drafted. This answer was provided to you in person during the question section during our April 2024 Council meeting by myself.

- d) If Yes when was this lease taken out and for how long is it?  
Please see response to c, this question is no longer applicable
- e) Does the lease explicitly state you will be allowed to build on the land? Yes / No  
Please see response to C, this question is no longer applicable
- f) If no when are you going to ask WMDC re permission  
Please see response to C, this question is no longer applicable
- g) Has Planning application or outlined planning application been lodged with WMDC for a New building? YES / NO  
No – There are early steps in the process that need to be achieved before any planning applications are submitted. Parish Council approval of the project is the next step in the process.
- h) You advertised for a list of specialists to plan control the build etc has anyone been recruited if so when and when did start or when will they start work ?  
No appointments have been made, 4 candidates have been shortlisted to tender only. Start date is dependent on the answer provided under question g.
- i) There appears to be no public consultation process asking what the public want from the build has any taken place? If so when  
Public consultation is a core element to this project and will be completed once we reach the point in the process where information is available in relation to funding methods.
- j) Have plans been drawn up for this centre Yes / No  
No official plans have been drawn up.
- k) If Yes there are plans drawn up . When will these be revealed to the public?  
Please see response to j, this question is no longer applicable
- l) Has the build been fully costed if so how much will the build cost £  
Please see response to c, this information is not yet known.
- m) Is the cost of the build included in this year's budget? Yes / No If yes how much has been allocated £  
No - In line with response to question g, we are not yet at this stage in the process.
- n) Has any application been made for grants for the build if so when and have they been successful  
In line with response to question g, we are not yet at this stage in the process.
- o) At the Annual Parish assembly on the same day I was told by a persons who attended "the parish expect to have spades in the ground soon" when do you anticipate this to be happening?  
In line with response to question g, we are not yet at this stage in the process.
- p) Has the committee made any attempt to see if the group that proposes to run the centre will cover the actual running costs i.e. Electricity Gas water rates and cleaning and maintenance Bills etc i.e. will it cover the running costs ?  
In line with response to question g, we are not yet at this stage in the process.

This freedom of information requested has now been closed.

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 'Jemma Nolan', written in a cursive style.

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