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Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing in respect of your application for the release of information held by the Service, which we received on 9 February. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

You asked:

I wish to obtain any information you may hold regarding the Solar Farm and associated battery banks currently being installed at Bramley. I have been advised by the HSE that you can provide this information.

Could you please provide any risk assessments that detail your arrangements in the event of a fire or other incident during the construction phase or operation of the plant. I am assuming that these assessment cover, the fire, anticipate deffects to residents and the general public in the local area and residents of Bramley in the event of a large 'Fume" cloud passing over the village.

Additionally could you please provide any dispersion models than have been carried out for the any "smoke plume" emitting from the plant during a fire. Does the model indicate that any evacuation may be required for residents?

Also could you please provide your environmental assessment in the event of a fire at the plant, control of run off water being a major consideration.

Could you please provide the information in a suitable format, eg PDF.

Our answer:

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service does not hold any of the information about Solar Farm and associated battery banks at Bramley, as per Regulation 12(4)(a) of the Environmental Information Regulations.

The Service conducts site-specific risk information assessments on premises within our area after a fire incident. However, in this instance, no such risk assessment has been undertaken. Additionally, we do not undertake smoke plume dispersion models for sites, this would be for the site owner to commence. Regarding 'environment assessments', this will be subject to a dynamic risk assessment by the incident commander upon arrival. This is not something that can be undertaken ahead of time.

The above concludes our investigation into this matter.

Any future correspondence with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service in relation to this matter should be sent to the Information Compliance Officer at the above address.

If for whatever reason you are unhappy with our response you may request an internal review by contacting DP@hantsfire.gov.uk or by writing to the Data Protection Officer at the above address.

Should you remain dissatisfied you can appeal against the internal review decision by contacting the Information Commissioners Office. This can be done online at www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints or by post to The Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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