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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – LAND ACQUISITION

I write in response to your request for information in relation to the on-going land acquisition process.

Question:

- If NHS Lothian has concluded its land acquisition deal with Enterprise Scotland for the plot marked for the new eye pavilion.

If they have concluded, what was the outcome.

- If still ongoing: an update on the latest stage of negotiations alongside any relevant correspondence regarding the acquisition deal.

Answer:

I am advised that we are proactively working towards the conclusion of the Plot 11 Site Acquisition.

It is not appropriate to share a project status update or any correspondence at the time as this would impact on an on-going process.

Unfortunately at this time any correspondence is considered exempt under Section 30 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs.

Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act-

(b) would, or would be likely to, inhibit substantially-

(i) the free and frank provision of advice; or

(ii) the free and frank exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation; or

(c) would otherwise prejudice substantially, or be likely to prejudice substantially, the effective conduct of public affairs.

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I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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