

12th March 2010

Your ref: Email on 17 February 2010
Our ref: R000199

Freedom of Information Request – SRB Evaluation

Thank you for your FOI request first received by the Information Team on 17 February 2010.

Your Request

Summary of your original request was as follows:

“... I would like to submit a Freedom of Information request for access to the evaluations carried out for the following SRB schemes:

From Round Five of the Single Regeneration Budget:

*Believing in Folkestone
Map Partnership - Linking Us Together, Reading
Simply Stoke, Slough
Community Based Capacity Building in Blackbird Leys, Oxford*

From Round Six of the Single Regeneration Budget:

*Thanet Horizons
Thames Valley Social Enterprise
Rural Towns - Rural Life, SE Rural Market Towns”*

Your Revised Request

Subsequently you clarified your request for information in an email dated 18 February 2010, by outlining that you are interested in any evaluations we hold on Single Regeneration Budget (SRB) programmes involving physical improvement works:

“...our primary interest is in SRB projects which included physical improvements. From the summary information available from CLG (links below), we understood that the schemes I listed (below) did include physical improvements. If some of these schemes do not include physical improvement works, then we are not interested in receiving the evaluation documents from them.

However: We are more generally interested in any SRB5/SRB6 schemes which did include physical improvements (not limited to the list below). If

there is an easy way for you to distinguish between revenue only and physical projects, then we would be interested in seeing any and all SRB5/SRB6 evaluations for projects which included physical improvements.”

Information Held

SEEDA has conducted an extensive archive search and can now confirm that it holds the following documents out of those that you asked for in your original request:

SRB Round 5

- Believing in Folkestone
- Simply Stoke, Slough
- Community Based Capacity Building in Blackbird Leys, Oxford

SRB Round 6

- Thanet Horizons
- Thames Valley Social Enterprise

The following documents are not available:

- Map Partnership - Linking us Together, Reading (no evaluation commissioned)
- Rural Towns - Rural Life, SE Rural Market Towns (we do not hold the evaluation)

In addition to the documents that you have originally requested, we have identified several evaluations of programmes involving elements of physical improvement works:

SRB Round 5

- Northgate Community Action, Canterbury
- Portsmouth Rounds 5 and 6 combined

SRB Round 6

- Outer Shirley, Southampton
- Hastings & St Leonard
- Herne Bay & Whitstable Coastal
- East Kent Coalfields & Dover
- Ryde 2000, Isle of Wight

Process Followed

We have reviewed all the material, and applied public interest tests to all the information subject to the exemptions listed in the Freedom of Information Act. Given the time passed since the evaluations were submitted and given the

nature of information disclosed therein, we have decided that only one exemption from the Act needs to be considered:

The exemption we have considered is:

- Section 40(2) personal data, the release of which is likely to breach the Data Protection Act 1998

Information Disclosure Policy

Exemption	Disclosure Policy and Rationale
Section 40(2) Names, email addresses and other personal data	SEEDA's policy is that it is not in the public interest to disclose the names of individuals unless they are Senior SEEDA Staff, who are asked for their consent, or individuals who are already well known in the public domain. Additionally, in this case we have decided to disclose personal information of the authors and individuals who gave their consent. All other personal data has been redacted.

Implementation of Information Disclosure Policy

The Disclosure Policy has been implemented in the following manner:

- Adobe Acrobat Documents: by printing a hard copy, manually redacting personal data where appropriate and rescanning the document.
- Word Documents: by editing the original to redact (remove) the exempt text and creating a new copy. Redactions are highlighted.

The resulting documents have been provided as separate appendices and attachments to this letter.

Appendix 1: List of Disclosed Documents

1. Believing in Folkestone
2. Simply Stoke, Slough
3. Community Based Capacity Building in Blackbird Leys, Oxford
4. Thanet Horizons
5. Thames Valley Social Enterprise
6. Northgate Community Action, Canterbury
7. Portsmouth Rounds 5 and 6 combined
8. Outer Shirley, Southampton
9. Hastings & St Leonard
10. Herne Bay & Whitstable Coastal
11. East Kent Coalfields & Dover
12. Ryde 2000, Isle of Wight