EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL



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Dear Alexander Barnes-Ross MCIM,

16th February 2024

Thank you for your email dated 1st February 2024 which has been treated as a Freedom of Information Request. FOI requests require a response within twenty working days our policy is to send the required information as soon as we are able to do so. For clarity "working day" means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 in any part of the United Kingdom. Additionally, The first day of the 20 working days commences the first working day *after* the request is received.

Your Request: The minutes to the Council meeting 29th January 2024 contains no record of the questions asked, or the answers given during the public question time. The meeting was recorded on Zoom, but that has been redacted also with the public question time removed from the EGTC's Youtube page.

Provide any and all records of the questions asked and the answers given, including the video recording, of the public questions segment of the Council meeting held on 29th January?

Supply any and all internal email and/or written communications, call logs and meeting records/minutes in relation to the questions raised at this meeting that have been held internally or with other internal & external parties.

Our response: East Grinstead Town Council has received four FOIA requests from you in a period of three months. Your requests, complaint, attempts to disrupt council meeting question times as well as the bullying tactics that you have employed on members of the town council have met the threshold in which Section 14(1) can be applied. We have been advised on instruction to inform you that East Grinstead Town Council, now decline to respond on the basis that this and any further requests for data or complaints relating to this subject are vexatious and would cause a disproportionate and unjustified level of disruption and distress. As such we decline to respond to you any further on this matter.

If you are unhappy with our conclusion then you have the right to complain to the ICO, you will find details here: <u>https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/</u>

Kind Regards,

East Grinstead Town Council

