



**POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER**
for Leicester,
Leicestershire & Rutland
Your Communities - Your Commissioner

Our ref: FOI 0006/26 – OPCC1107

Date: 19 March 2026

Name:

Email:

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your email dated 10 March requesting information. This request falls as a freedom of information request. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide the following information:

1. What organisations applied for awards but were deemed unsuccessful.
2. For what specific purpose did they apply.
3. Why was their application refused?

Your request for information has now been considered, and the response can be found below:

1. What organisations applied for awards but were deemed unsuccessful.

Exemption applied: Section 43(2) – Commercial interests (qualified exemption)

We are unable to disclose the names of organisations whose applications were not successful. The fact of an unsuccessful application can be commercially sensitive and relates to the affairs of third-party organisations. Disclosure would be likely to prejudice their commercial interests (for example, by affecting reputation, investor/sponsor confidence, or future bidding activity) and could deter organisations from applying for future funding opportunities.

Public interest test (s43):

While there is a public interest in transparency over public funding processes, we consider that this is outweighed by the public interest in protecting the commercial interests of applicants and maintaining a competitive and effective application environment. Disclosure would be likely to cause real and significant prejudice to third-party organisations and to our ability to secure robust competition in future rounds. On balance, the exemption is engaged.



Note: If the names include sole traders/individuals, these would also engage Section 40(2) – Personal data (absolute exemption), as disclosure would be unfair and unlawful under UK GDPR.

2. For what specific purpose did they apply.

Exemptions applied:

Section 43(2) – Commercial interests (qualified), and Section 41(1) – Information provided in confidence (absolute)

We are unable to provide details of the proposals submitted by unsuccessful applicants. Applications typically contain confidential business information, project concepts, methodologies, and financial detail supplied with a reasonable expectation of confidence. Disclosure would be likely to prejudice the applicants' commercial interests (s43(2)) and would also constitute an actionable breach of confidence (s41(1)) because the information was provided by third parties under an obligation of confidence, is not otherwise publicly available, and disclosure would be detrimental to the confiders.

Public interest test (s43):

We recognise the public interest in understanding how public funds are allocated. However, this is outweighed by the public interest in protecting applicants' commercially sensitive material, safeguarding the integrity of the application process, and ensuring we continue to receive high-quality bids. On balance, s43(2) is engaged.

Section 41(1) is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test under FOIA, though we have considered whether there is a public interest defence to an actionable breach and do not consider one applies here.

Note: If any of the proposal detail includes personal data about individuals (e.g., named staff, CVs, contact details), that information would also be exempt under Section 40(2) – Personal data.

3. Why was their application refused?

We cannot provide organisation-specific feedback for unsuccessful applicants for the reasons above. However, in general terms, the most common reasons applications are unsuccessful include:

- The proposal did not fully meet the eligibility criteria for the funding stream;
- The evidence of need was insufficient or unclear;
- The expected impact or value for money was not demonstrated strongly enough;
- The application lacked required documentation or information;
- The project duplicated existing provision;
- Limited funding availability compared with the number of applications received.



Providing this aggregated explanation does not engage the exemptions above as it does not reveal information about any identifiable applicant.

Support for Kibworth Harcourt

If you are exploring future options for Kibworth Harcourt, we are very happy to:

- advise on eligibility for future funding rounds;
- explain the assessment criteria in more detail;
- offer guidance on strengthening any potential application. Further information can also be found via the Police and Commissioners Website Under [Commissioning](#).

If you are not satisfied with our response to your request, under Section 17 of the FOIA you are entitled to ask for an internal review of our decision. Any internal review needs to be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this response and state why you are unhappy with the response. You can submit an internal review in the following ways:

- Emailing the OPCC Inbox to OPCC@leics.police.uk or
- Writing to the OPCC at – The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, Police Headquarters, St Johns, Enderby, Leicestershire, Leicestershire, LE19 2BX
- By phone – 0116 229 8980 (as a reasonable adjustment under the Equality Act 2010).

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review under Section 50 of the FOIA you can apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by the OPCC. You can contact the ICO in the following ways:

- Online at the ICO – <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/> or;
- Writing to the ICO at –Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

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