

FOI number: **HBC\_FOI\_20190345**  
Date FOI Received: **29/04/2019**  
Department: **Planning**  
Title: **Planning policy SHP files**  
Description: **Local development plan mapping files in SHP or KML format.**

**Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)**

Under the freedom of information act please could you send me a copy of your planning policy in SHP or KML format or in any other digital shape format. We are specifically interested in the local development plan and want access to the underlying spatial data within that local plan?

**Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)**

The information requested in this FOI request can be viewed on our website at:  
<https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Planning--Building-Control/Planning-Policy/Local-Plan/Local-Plan-12-27.aspx>

The Council is unable to share digital shape format data as this has been created using Licensed Data. The reason for this is that the provision of data in digital form would potentially prejudice the owner's commercial interest and is therefore exempt under Section 43 of FOIA.

If you have any queries about the processing of your request then please do not hesitate to contact me. Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to information requests together with a complaints/appeals procedure is available in our reception or via our website at:

<https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Your-Council/Official-Publications--Guides--Policies/Access-to-Information.aspx>

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Please include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services