Dear Bridgette,

......I am now making a new request for a copy of the postcodes contract document and any documents referred to within it.

I am also seeking a list of all 'vanity' postcodes which have been issued by Capita, whether these have been approved by the Minister or not.

I am also seeking a copy of 'record number 8 entitled pricing proposals' from the schedule of FOI/2014/48.

The above requests are made under the FOI legislation.

Best regards,
2 September 2015

Re: FOI request 2015/76

I refer to the request which you made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by this body:

1. A copy of postcodes contract document any other documents referred to within it
2. List of all "vanity" postcodes which have been issued by Capita
3. Record number 8 entitled pricing proposals from the schedule of FOI/2014/48

I, Caroline Green, Higher Executive Officer have now made a final decision to refuse your request on 2 September 2015.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision. This explanation has the following parts:

1. a schedule of all of the records covered by your request;
2. an explanation of the relevant findings concerning the records to which access is denied, and
3. a statement of how you can appeal this decision should you wish to do so.

This letter addresses each of these three parts in turn.

1. Schedule of records

A schedule is enclosed with this letter, it shows the documents that this body considers relevant to your request. It describes each document and refers to the sections of the FOI Act which apply to prevent release. The schedule also refers you to sections of the detailed explanation given under heading 2 below, which are relevant to the document in question. It also gives you a summary and overview of the decision as a whole.

2. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access

Fáiltitear roímh comhfhreagras i nGaeilge
The sections of the Act which can apply to deny access to documents are known as its exemption provisions.

Section 36 (1) (b)

(b) financial, commercial, scientific or technical or other information whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to result in a material financial loss or gain to the person to whom the information relates, or could prejudice the competitive position of that person in the conduct of his or her profession or business or otherwise in his or her occupation, or

As regards your request for information at no.2 above, no vanity postcodes have been issued by the postcode contractor Capita.

As regards your request for the document at no.3 above, this document was a pricing offer from An Post which was subsequently withdrawn and does contain commercially sensitive information.

3. Rights of appeal

In the event that you are unhappy with this decision you may appeal this it. In the event that you need to make such an appeal, you can so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan, H12 A8H7 or by e-mail to FOI.UNIT@dcenr.gov.ie. Your correspondence should include a fee of €30 for processing the appeal. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque made payable to Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources, if you wish to make payment by electronic means please contact FOI Unit. You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding, the weekend and public holidays. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone on 01 6782190.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Green
Higher Executive Officer
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Rec. No</th>
<th>Brief description</th>
<th>File ref:</th>
<th>No of pages</th>
<th>Decision Grant/Part Grant Refuse</th>
<th>Basis of refusal Section of Act</th>
<th>Reason for Decision</th>
<th>Record Edited /Identify Deletions</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Postcode PMLH contract</td>
<td>network</td>
<td>804</td>
<td>Refuse</td>
<td>Section 36 (1)(b)</td>
<td>Commercially sensitive information</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>List of vanity addresses</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>No records exist</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>No 8 Pricing proposal</td>
<td>network</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>Refuse</td>
<td>Section 36 (1)(b)</td>
<td>Commercially sensitive information</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>