From: FOI
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 107/18 - Requests for Advice received - Response
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Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI 107/18

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **12 July 2018.**

The Commission aims to respond to requests for information promptly and has done so within the statutory timeframe of twenty working days.

Your request is in bold below followed by our response.

1. **I would like to know how many requests for advice were made to the Electoral Commission by the Monitoring Officer or Returning Officer of Rugby Borough Council, or others acting on their behalf, and by Councillors of Rugby Borough Council in their official capacity together with the number of requests, if possible, made by Rugby Conservative Association or their officials concerning election processes. I would like the information from the period of 15th March up until the present day.**

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

In summary there have been 3 requests for advice since 15 March (2018) relating to Rugby. All came via the Electoral Services Manager at the local authority, and there was no direct contact from the Rugby Conservative Association or from local councillors.

I trust that this information satisfies your request. The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority, **but in some circumstances we cannot responsibly release requested information, and we ask for your understanding in this regard.**

If you are not satisfied with this response, please note that the Commission operates a review procedure, details of which can be found on the Commission website at: http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information-requests/how-do-I-make-an-foi-request

Please also note that if you have exhausted all internal Commission review procedures and you are still not satisfied you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner. Details of this procedure can be found on the ICO website: https://ico.org.uk/

Yours sincerely,

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