APPENDIX 2

The following shall be inserted in place of the existing paragraph 10.4 of Part 4E ('The Access to Information Procedure Rules'):-

10.4 Meaning of exempt information

Exempt information means information falling within the following 10 categories/paragraphs (subject to any qualification thereto):

Category /Paragraph		Qualification
(Column 1)		(Column 2)
		Information is not exempt information if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to regulation 3 of The Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992.
		Information falling within paragraph 3 in column 1 is not exempt information by virtue of that paragraph if it is required to be registered under – (a) the Companies Act 1985; (b) the Friendly Societies Act 1974; (c) the Friendly Societies Act 1992; (d) the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965 to 1978; (e) the Building Societies Act 1986; (f) the Charities Act 1993
		Application of public interest test
1.	Information relating to any individual	Information which –
2.	Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual	 (a) falls within any of paragraphs 1 to 7 in column 1; and (b) is not prevented from being exempt by virtue of the paragraphs which appear above the
3.	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	application of public interest test in column 2, is exempt information IF and SO LONG AS in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing
4.	Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority	the information.

Category		Condition
5.	Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings	
6.	Information which reveals that the authority proposes -	
	(a) to give under any enactment, a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or(b) to make an order or direction under any enactment	
7.	Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.	
	In relation to the Standards Committee or a sub-committee of it	
7A.	Information which is subject to any obligation of confidentiality	
7B.	Information which relates in any way to matters concerning national security	
7C.	The deliberations of a standards committee or of a sub-committee established under the provisions of Part III of the Local Government Act 2000 in reaching any finding on a matter referred under the provisions of section 60(2) or (3), 64 (2), 70(4) or (5) or 71 (2) of that Act.	

See The Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) Order 2006 SI2006/88, The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(Amendment)(England) Regulations 2006 SI2006/69 and The Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee)(Amendment) Regulations 2006 SI2006/87