

CHALFONT St. PETER PARISH COUNCIL

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Freedom of Information Policy

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 there is a duty on public authorities generally to provide information to members of the public on request. This requirement is additional to any other statutory right to obtain information which members of the public or electors have.

Chalfont St Peter Parish Council will comply with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2000, (and its successors) and the principles contained therein. These include:

- A general right of access to information held by public authorities' subject to certain conditions and exemptions.
- A requirement for public authorities to consider the exercise of any discretion which they may have to disclose information.
- A duty on every public authority to adopt and maintain a scheme which relates to the publication of information by the authority and is approved by the Information Commissioner and to publish information in accordance with the scheme.

To satisfy the requirements of Information Commissioner arising from the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Chalfont St Peter Parish Council has formally adopted a Model Publication Scheme in accordance with the advice of the National Association of Local Councils. This is explained in detail in the Parish Councils - Freedom of Information Publication Scheme policy which can be found on the website.