

How to ask questions of the SWRDA and Plymouth City Council.

It is important that, when asking questions of either the SWRDA or Plymouth City Council (via email or in writing) that you add the following line:-

I am formally requesting this information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Under the terms of the Act they must provide the information to you (or tell you how to locate it) within 20 days provided that the request is reasonable, within the terms of the Act and that the information is publicly available.

They have the right to levy a small charge for information provision where there is an administrative burden to provide it but they must notify the charge in advance and you can, of course, choose not to proceed.

It is doubtful that they would levy a charge for the sort of information required by the Save Seaton Pool campaign.

A couple of useful questions might be:-

1. Has the SWRDA at any time prior to the decision to close the pool (Cabinet meeting on 29th of November 2005) discussed with Plymouth City Council renewal options on the lease of the Seaton Barracks site thus enabling the swimming pool to remain and be refurbished?
2. Please provide all documentation and correspondence related to the lease of the Seaton Swimming pool site.
3. Please provide all documentation and correspondence related to the future development of the Seaton Swimming pool site.

You can also think up your own questions, especially where you think there have been untruths told, information concealed from the public, secret deals between public bodies that would cause press comment and public disquiet.