



Boundary Commission England Information Mailbox  
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## Re: Freedom of Information: Request for information regarding contacts with the tobacco industry

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22 February 2023 at  
15:46

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

### BCE FOI/2023/02

Thank you for your email request for information to the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) on 20 February 2023, which has been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. In your request for information you asked:

*Please provide a list of any and all contact your organisation and/or staff have had with British American Tobacco, Imperial Brands, Japan Tobacco International, Philip Morris International, as well as any other domestic or transnational tobacco companies or anyone representing the tobacco industry including subsidiaries of tobacco industry.*

*I would like this information for the period from 1 April 2021 to 20 February 2023.*

*Contact would primarily include attending or arranging meetings or functions, and responding to correspondence or phone calls.*

*Please break down the information by:*

- Tobacco company or representative's name*
- Date of contact(s)*
- Type of contact (meeting, email, letter, phone call, text/app message or video call, e-card or any other form of electronic communication)*
- Place of contact, if relevant*
- Purpose of contact*
- Outcome of contact, including if no action taken*

*I request that the information be provided electronically. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request.*

*If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.*

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) has never made any contacts with the tobacco industry including attending or arranging meetings or functions, or responded to correspondence or phone calls, as specified in your request.

Under the provisions of the FOI Act if you are dissatisfied with the response provided you may wish to ask for an internal review. If this situation arises you should write to:

The Secretary to the Boundary Commission for England  
35 Great Smith Street  
Westminster  
London  
SW1P 3BQ

Email: [information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk](mailto:information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk)

If it transpires you are not content with our response or the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the BCE. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Office of the Information Commissioner,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF

Kind Regards,



**Boundary Commission for England**

35 Great Smith Street | London | SW1P 3BQ

t: 020 7276 1102

e: [information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk](mailto:information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk)

w: [www.bcereviews.org.uk](http://www.bcereviews.org.uk)



On Mon, 20 Feb 2023 at 13:18, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear colleagues,

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request, my details are outlined below.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Please use this email address for all replies to this request:

[request-951683-7e3c7955@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-951683-7e3c7955@whatdotheyknow.com)

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