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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Request: 182020

Thank you for contacting CITB requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Your email, dated 18th August 2020, stated the following:

“It is alleged that the NOCN – CPCS scheme recently lost the support of the construction sector’s federations and major stakeholders and the CITB was formally approached with a request to repossess the CPCS product to assure its survival.

It is also alleged that the CITB was no longer in any position to repossess the CPCS product due to a lack of resource and could not expedite the request.

An independent audit of NOCN-CPCS and the CITB and the contractual issues since the change of CPCS ownership has been instigated to try and establish problems that occurred between the two parties and where the responsibilities remain.”

You then asked for the following information:

1. *Could the CITB confirm that they were approached by “industry” to repossess the CPCS product from NOCN to ensure its survival?*
2. *Will the findings of the independent audit be made public?*

My response is as follows:

1. **Could the CITB confirm that they were approached by “industry” to repossess the CPCS product from NOCN to ensure its survival?**

When seeking the views of the construction industry (“the industry”), we seek feedback from the Prescribed Organisations and CITB’s Nation Councils. We have not been approached by either of these bodies to “repossess” CPCS from NOCN.

2. **Will the findings of the independent audit be made public?**

CITB have not commissioned an independent audit of NOCN-CPCS and therefore cannot comment on whether the findings of any such review will be made public.



If you are unhappy with this response, or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied, then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting Adrian Beckingham, Corporate Performance Director, CITB, Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Peterborough, PB2 8TY or email adrian.beckingham@citb.co.uk.

If you remain unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioners website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely

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