

Thank you for your email dated 1 October in which you have requested the following:

In relation to the £755,000 of funding provided to the Ormskirk High Street Heritage Action Zone (see <https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/heritage-action-zones/ormskirk/>) :

- a) Provide a breakdown of expenditure in pounds sterling for each specific project funded from this £755,000 within the Ormskirk High Street Heritage Action Zone.
- b) Provide a figure in pounds sterling for funds returned to Historic England unspent by West Lancashire Borough Council and the date, if applicable on which these funds were returned to Historic England.

Your request has been processed under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

Having looked into your request I can confirm that Historic England does hold information that falls within its scope. Please find attached documentation highlighting the breakdown of Historic England expenditure per project in regards to the Ormskirk High Street Heritage Action Zone. The table also notes the matched funding from the Local Authority and other sources. Please be aware that the totals reported in the attached will be less than the overall sum. This is because the period covered in the attached is April 2020 – end of June 2023. We are currently awaiting the quarterly return for quarter 2.

In regard to part two of your request, I have discussed this matter with a colleague, who has confirmed that Historic England has not requested Ormskirk return any grant monies to date. The funding arrangement for HSHAZ, like many of Historic England's grants, means that the Council can only claim funding in arrears. The Council are given a grant funding allocation for each financial year of the four-year programme and any funds from this grant allocation that the Council did not claim within the financial year is removed from their overall funding allocation. This is due to the funding constraints on HSHAZ funding. In 2021/22, Ormskirk HSHAZ did not spend £91,814 of their funding allocation which reduced the Council's overall HSHAZ funding total to £777,186. In 2022/23, Ormskirk HSHAZ did not spend £290,228 of their funding allocation which reduced the Council's overall HSHAZ funding total to £486,958.

I hope the information that I have been able to provide is useful to you. Details of our review procedure are attached.

Yours sincerely

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