

I am writing to formally request the provision of

1. Most recent **Article 4 Directive shape files in vector format**. Currently, the mapped Article 4 Directive cannot be assessed in sufficient detail, and having access to them in vector format is crucial for our analysis for planning purposes. I am happy to receive map/shape files in any recognised vector format which contains the coordinates describing the shape of the Article 4 area and can be used in GIS software. As Article 4 Directives are part of land designation, these shape files should be publicly accessible. Therefore, I kindly ask that you provide these shape files in a compatible vector format.

Shapefiles (and other formats) of the Article 4 Directives can be downloaded from the Wigan Council Open Data site at:

[Article4DirectionArea | Article4DirectionArea | Wigan Council Open Data \(arcgis.com\)](#)

2. Additionally, I request the most up-to-date **Article 4 Directive documentation in re-usable** (computer readable) **format** (not as images or scanned documents). Having access to this documentation is essential for our comprehensive understanding and application of these directives.

There are 2 article 4 directions currently in force in the borough.

16/07/19: Swinley and central Leigh

[Direction made under Article 4 \(wigan.gov.uk\)](#)

Approved 01/03/22: The Avenue, Henrietta Street & Church Street, Leigh. Documentation can be provided but only available as a scanned document.

Approved 23/09/08: Somerville Road, Wigan. Documentation can be provided but only available as a scanned document.

3. Also, please provide information about any APIs that you may have relating to planning information such as shape files, planning applications (in machine readable pdf) or other information.

This information is available to view on the Council's website by using the following link:

<https://planning.wigan.gov.uk/online-applications/>

and Interactive Map facilities [Wigan Council - Residents](#)