

Notes to External Audit report 2021

Email exchange following receipt of External Audit report September 15th 2021;

From clerk to external auditor;

Dear

Thank you for the report, however the notes given on the Notice of Exercise of Public Rights are a little confusing.

In the main body of the form, this is the instruction;

commencing on (c) ___Thursday 10th June 2021 _____
and ending on (d) ___Thursday 22nd July 2021 _____
[30 working days after (c) above]

But in the notes on the right of the notice it says this;

(d) The inspection period between (c) and (d) must be **30 working days inclusive** and must include the first 10 working days of July.

Which is correct? My interpretation complies with the first lot of instructions, and your interpretation complies with the second. Therefore we seem to be both right or both wrong!

Reply to clerk from external auditor;

Thank you for your email and for bringing this to our attention.

You are of course correct to point out that our template contains inconsistent wording with our report. I apologise for the fact this led Harwell to publish an incorrect time frame for its Notice of Public Rights.

In terms of our report, we must follow the wording in the regulations which ask for a 'single period of 30 working days' and you can see this in the regulation cited in our report. The report is therefore correct from a technical point of view and it is this period that you should work to going forwards.

Once again though, please accept our apologies for our template misleading you in this regard. We are updating our template immediately and will republish the correct version for use going forwards.