

[REDACTED]

11 October 2013

**Ref: FOI 13-035**

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information, received on 16 September 2013. You asked us the following questions.

*“As owners of a property (and therefore stakeholders) in Carpenters Estate, we were distressed to learn of a meeting in Carpenters Primary School about the future plans of the estate which was placed in a remote part of your website. Newham Council previously had not been communicating with owners of properties, and when we complained, the Local Authority Ombudsman's decision held against them.*

*We would like to know the following under the Freedom of Information Act:*

- (1) What are the detailed future plans for Carpenters Estate following the failed UCL bid?*
- (2) What Local Plans and/ or Consultation Processes are there for Carpenters Estate, and how are the stakeholders (i.e. residents and owners) involved in this?*
- (3) How have Local Plans and/ or Consultation Processes been communicated to residents AND owners of properties in Carpenters Estate, and how has it been communicated?*
- (4) What is your relationship with Newham Council in developing Carpenters Estate?*
- (5) Who are the developers interested in Carpenters Estate?*
- (6) Who are the investors interested in Carpenters Estate?”*

I have set out below our response to each one of your questions following your order:

***(1) What are the detailed future plans for Carpenters Estate following the failed UCL bid?***

The London Legacy Development Corporation (the Legacy Corporation) is not aware of any specific plans for the Carpenters Estate. It would be expected that the development of any future plans would be led and prepared by the London Borough of Newham as the main landowner.

***(2) What Local Plans and/ or Consultation Processes are there for Carpenters Estate, and how are the stakeholders (i.e. residents and owners) involved in this?***

***(3) How have Local Plans and/ or Consultation Processes been communicated to residents AND owners of properties in Carpenters Estate, and how has it been communicated?***

In response to questions 2 and 3 the Legacy Corporation can inform you that the Local Plan process began with a general consultation to gauge residents and other stakeholders views about the future direction of their area and the Legacy Corporation Area as a whole. A consultation notification and leaflet/questionnaire were sent to each residential and business address within the Legacy Corporation area in November 2012.

The Legacy Corporation holds a regular series of quarterly residents meetings across the three local neighbourhoods that directly border Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park (the Park) which includes the Carpenters neighbourhood. These sessions are one of the ways the Legacy Corporation commits to ensuring local residents and businesses have the opportunity to hear firsthand about the work, events and activity taking place in and around the Park and crucially provide an opportunity for residents and businesses to ask questions and raise issues directly with the organisations leading the works in question.

The dates of previous meetings in the Carpenters neighbourhood were:

5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013

30<sup>th</sup> April 2013

11<sup>th</sup> June 2013

17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2013

The next round of resident meetings will be held in January 2014.

The Local Plan has been on the agenda of the residents meetings for the Carpenters neighbourhood at each of these meetings. The April meetings included informal Local Plan workshop sessions. Other additional bespoke meetings have been held where requested.

The initial Local Plan consultation document is currently being prepared and, if approved for consultation by the Legacy Corporation Board, will be the subject of public consultation from approximately mid November 2013 to mid January 2014. The relevant consultation documents will be available on the Legacy Corporation website along with information about how to respond to the consultation: <http://www.londonlegacy.co.uk/planning-policy-and-decisions/the-local-plan/>

There will also be Local Plan consultation workshops held during the January 2014 residents meetings. Other consultation meetings will be arranged on request. In addition to the general publicity for the Local Plan consultation, all those who have expressed an interest in the Local Plan and registered their contact details on the Local Plan consultation database will receive an individual notification at the start of the consultation period either by post or email.

Meetings are promoted locally through Legacy Corporation's own free Park newsletter which is printed (12,000 copies) and distributed every three months (ahead of the residents meetings) and delivered to 6,300 business and residential addresses throughout the E15 postcode. Copies are also distributed across 23 local community centres, libraries and public facing organisations. The newsletter is also available to download on our website <http://www.londonlegacy.co.uk/community/residents-meetings/>

Details of dates and venue for the residents meetings are also issued via a press notice to the local media and borough publications as well as provided to the local authorities for them to circulate through their own local networks. They are also promoted through our website and via our 24hr free phone hotline on 08000 722 110.

The agenda varies for each meeting as it is specific to the current activity that is taking place or due to take place, however there is always an update on the live transformation and construction works taking place on the Park, an update on near future activity relating to the

Park or the surrounding areas of land adjacent to it, a review of recent highlights and activity (for example feedback from the summer events series) and an update on latest planning and policy work relating to longer-term future activity affecting the area.

The Legacy Corporation chairs and co-ordinates these meetings and provides an overview of the latest activity and updates relating directly to the Park at each meeting. The Legacy Corporation Planning Policy and Decisions Team (PPDT) has a standing item on the agenda to update on latest development and planning policy activity. Guest speakers from partner organisations (such as East Village, Lend Lease, GLL (the operators of the Copper Box Arena), LVRPA, etc) are also invited to speak on timely topics as well. Residents are always asked if there are items they would specially like to see on the agenda for the next meeting so that this can be arranged as required.

If you would like to be added to our contact database to receive email notifications of these meetings and other updates please email Victoria Stonebridge on [victoriastonebridge@londonlegacy.co.uk](mailto:victoriastonebridge@londonlegacy.co.uk). If you would like to register for notification of Local Plan consultations, please email [planningpolicy@londonlegacy.co.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@londonlegacy.co.uk).

***(4) What is your relationship with Newham Council in developing Carpenters Estate?***

The Legacy Corporation does not have land interests within the Carpenters Estate. It is the Local Planning Authority for the area and would be responsible for determining any planning applications that affected this location.

***(5) Who are the developers interested in Carpenters Estate?***

***(6) Who are the investors interested in Carpenters Estate?***

In response to your questions 5 and 6 the Legacy Corporation can inform you that we are not aware of any information about who may be interested in the Carpenters Estate as developers or as investors.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to:

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London Legacy Development Corporation  
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Montfichet Road  
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Please note: complaints and requests for internal review received more than two months after the initial decision will not be handled.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may appeal directly to the Information Commissioner at the address given below. You should do this within two months of our final decision. There is no charge for making an appeal.

Further information on the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is available from the Information Commissioner's Office:

Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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Yours sincerely



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