

[REDACTED]

22 November 2013

Ref: FOI 13-036

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information, received on 7 October. You asked us the following questions:

"I would like to request the following information please:

- 1. Copies of a) all correspondence (and any attachments) b) any written records of meetings or discussions, with the London Borough of Waltham Forest or the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority, concerning any proposed amendment of the previously consented plans for allotments at Eton Manor (PDZ 7).*

Clarification - Regarding the time period I was assuming records would be searched back to the formation of the LLDC.

- 2. The current works schedule for the construction of the allotments."*

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

- 1. Copies of a) all correspondence (and any attachments) b) any written records of meetings or discussions, with the London Borough of Waltham Forest or the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority, concerning any proposed amendment of the previously consented plans for allotments at Eton Manor (PDZ 7).*

The London Legacy Development Corporation (the Legacy Corporation) can confirm that they hold this information. Clarification of the first question was sought on 10 October 2013.

The Legacy Corporation conducted preliminary searches of the email system. Those searches alone have identified 3429 items that fit the criteria of your request. Further focused searches were conducted but the results were nil therefore all the results would need to be reviewed to identify the information requested. Details of the search terms and specific results are provided in appendix A.

In order to comply with this request, further searches would need to be conducted on the fileserver as well as identifying and retrieving any hard copy records. An initial search of the fileserver for relevant information for your request was running for over 18 hours before the search was terminated.

While there are no appropriate costs limit under the EIR, the exception at regulation 12(4)(b) of the EIR can apply if the cost or burden of dealing with a request is too great.

This request was initially considered too broad for the Legacy Corporation to identify and extract the information within a reasonable timeframe using the resources available to us. An attempt to clarify and focus the request was unsuccessful. The systems depend on the effectiveness of the search terms available, and no additional personnel resources can easily or reasonably be allocated to this request.

Information Commissioner's Office guidance suggests that as with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) public authorities use a rate of £25 per hour for any staff time involved as this is an indication of what Parliament consider to be a reasonable charge for staff time. In assessing whether the cost or burden of dealing with a request, public authorities need to consider the proportionality of the costs involved and decide whether they are clearly or obviously unreasonable.

Even with the figures currently available and without considering the further searches and other work that needs to be undertaken, the work would take over 57 hours and therefore cost over £1,425 based on reviewing 1 email per minute and £25 per hour charge. This does not take into consideration the detrimental impact on the other responsibilities of the personnel involved.

The Legacy Corporation have considered the public interest in respect to this decision and appreciate that there is reason for the public interest in the subject requested, however they also have to balance public interest with the effective, efficient and economic use of the resources that they have responsibility for as a public authority and in this instance cannot justify the costs that would result from fully responding to this request as it currently stands.

We have therefore considered your request, and believe it to be manifestly unreasonable under regulation 12(4)(b) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

This letter therefore acts as a refusal notice under Regulation 14.

2. *The current works schedule for the construction of the allotments.*

Works under the previous works schedule was halted due to the submission of a planning application by London Borough of Waltham Forest on 27 September 2013. The application (ref: 13/00444/FUL) will be considered by the London Legacy Development Corporation Planning Committee sometime in the New Year. Legacy Corporation planning applications can be viewed here: <https://planningforms.newham.gov.uk/online-applications/>

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:

Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services
London Legacy Development Corporation
Level 10
1 Stratford Place
Montfichet Road
London
E20 1EJ

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 Environment Information Regulations 2004 is available from the Information Commissioner's Office:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Telephone 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45

Website www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



FOI Co-ordinator
London Legacy Development Corporation

Search terms and hits:

Entire Message contains "Eton Manor" and From/To contains "walthamforest"
Results = 750 items found

Entire Message contains "Eton Manor" and From/To contains "leevalleypark"
Results = 2679 items found

Entire Message contains "Eton Manor" and From/To contains "walthamforest" and Entire
Message contains "allotments"
Results = 0 items found

Entire Message contains "Eton Manor" and From/To contains "leevalleypark" and Entire
Message contains "allotments"
Results = 0 items found