

2 October 2014

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 14-035

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your communication, received on 11 September 2014.

"I was incensed to find this morning that the Eastcross Bridge has been closed for 'redevelopment' and that you plan to have workmen there for 10 months.

The park has only quite recently been fully opened up along the route I take to and from work, despite there having been no work going on in the closed areas for weeks, possibly months, before the opening.

The route from Leyton to Fish Island is a fantastic walk - far more peaceful than walking round the park. Now you want to put diggers and cranes right in the middle of it for 10 months. This is absolutely not acceptable.

It does not matter that the replacement bridge might look a bit nicer. It's in the middle of a park and is fit for purpose right now.

This is nothing more than a vanity project for the corporation and its planning committee. Between now and next summer you will be ruining this brand new and quite lovely community resource for everyone else.

Please provide me with a breakdown of the costs incurred by this project, a summary of where the money is coming from and the full planning application, which cannot be found on your web site."

The Eastcross bridge is not closed and there is no intention to close this route during the essential works that are currently underway, except where public access could represent a health and safety concern. Any closures that are required for this are expected to be minimal.

The Eastcross bridge comprises both temporary and permanent elements: a 4m wide permanent pedestrian and cycle bridge, adjacent to a 28m wide temporary bridge – the temporary element was built for the Games. The permanent 4m element was to be segregated allocating 2m to cyclists and 2m to pedestrians. The principle of development and the principle of public access to the bridge was established as part of the 2007 planning permission 07/90010/OUMODA granted by the ODA. The planning application can be found

on the Legacy Corporation Planning Register by searching on the full application number.
<http://planningregister.londonlegacy.co.uk/swift/apas/run/wphappcriteria.display>

The Planning conditions at the time required the temporary element to be removed by the end of transformation.

The proposed partial retention provides for the future functioning and operation of the Park. The 4m element is not of sufficient width to transport the flows of people expected to use the Park in Legacy.

The now partial retention of the temporary bridge involves:

- The removal of the southern half of the bridge deck and alterations to the northern half
- The temporary parapet and abutment design will be altered to integrate with the permanent design.
- Western Approaches: To the west of the bridge a broad landscaped concourse will link up with the main north south concourse through the park, an additional path will link to Waterden Road, and a new access gate provided.
- A new area of lawn will be created between the two Eastcross (F03) access routes.
- Eastern Approaches and integration with Village Landscape.

The funding for this project is from the Legacy Corporation. The costs for this project at the time of your request are £70,359 on project management and design.

It is expected that the works will be finalised during the Summer of 2015 - there will still be public access across the bridge whilst works are underway. Further information is available on the Planning Register on our website under planning applications 14/00009/FUL and 14/00347/NMA,
<http://planningregister.londonlegacy.co.uk/swift/apas/run/wphappcriteria.display>.

Information is also available on our website in the news article of 18 August - <http://queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/news/news-articles/2014/8/works-on-the-eastcross-bridge>, and was also included in the CEO's report to the September Board meeting (Item 5, Paragraph 5 – Connectivity). The Board agenda and papers can be found on our website - <http://queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/~/-/media/lldc/committee%20minutes/public%20pack%20%20final.pdf>

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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Yours sincerely

