3 December 2014

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 14-044

Dear ███████

Thank you for your information request, received on 5 November 2014. You asked us to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

"Please set out all the payments made for the different portions of land which now go to make up the Chobham Manor site whether they were made as part of the Olympic compulsory purchase, or any new payments, for freehold or leases and whether all the land is now held as freehold by the LLDC or if any is leased and if so from whom."

1. I would have expected the responses to describe all the different portions of land. For example as a former resident of the Clays Lane estate I believe the site includes the former Clays Lane estate, with a leasehold held by Peabody and the freehold by Newham; the Park Village estate, about whose ownership I am unclear but it certainly involved the University of East London and possibly a freehold by Newham; all or part of the Clays Lane Travellers' site the freehold of which I believe was held by Newham and some other sections of land which may have been added to what is now Chobham Manor. I know that the Park Village site was purchased before the cpo but it was effectively a land purchase carried out by the LDA with the Olympics in mind. Perhaps my wording in that regard was inaccurate. I trust it is reasonable to include this in the request. If not I am happy to start a new request regarding that purchase.

2. I would have expected the responses to relate the payments to the specific sites. There is no reference to a freehold payment to Newham for any of the sites.

I would therefore like to ask for a review of these two responses setting out
1. a description/map of the sites and the tenures involved in each section of the site
2. a description of the payments as they relate to each section of the site as described above and to each tenure.
As I cannot say who is responsible for which set of payments I can only ask that the LLDC and the GLA liaise to ensure that the various sections of the site and tenures are covered."

Thank you for providing the detail on the maps of the Chobham Manor site and confirming the area covered by your requests, these have also been passed to the Greater London Authority (GLA) for their request.

In the initial response of the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) under reference 14-034, we identified that we own the freehold of the Chobham Manor site and that we held information of a payment made by our predecessor body, the Olympic Park Legacy Corporation (OPLC) to Lee Valley Regional Park Authority (LVRPA).

We also noted that earlier payments were made by the London Development Agency (LDA) before the OPLC came into existence, and that we did not inherit the information from the LDA on their closure. At the time of the initial request, we confirmed with the Greater London Authority (GLA), that the financial information for payments made by the LDA was transferred to the GLA on the closure of the LDA.

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
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Montfichet Road
London
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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
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SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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