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25 February 2015

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 15-007

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request, received on 11 February 2015. You asked us to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

“Our bellringing group were talking last week about the bellringing for the Olympics and the huge Olympic Bell that was used during the opening ceremony.

I know that there were plans for the bell's permanent home to be within the park, but very little has been heard about this recently.

We are interested to know what the current plans are for the Olympic Bell, if a permanent home is still planned - what are the developments for this and the next milestones?

How many requests have you had for information about the Olympic Bell?

What was the cost of producing the bell and what are the costs of the current storage?”

I can confirm that the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) holds some of the information you have requested and I have set out below our response to each one of your questions following your order:

Q1. We are interested to know what the current plans are for the Olympic Bell, if a permanent home is still planned - what are the developments for this and the next milestones?

While we recognise that there is public interest in this information, the Legacy Corporation has committed resources to releasing this information at a future date and releasing this information before that time would be likely to have an impact on Legacy Corporation resources. Therefore we are withholding this information under FOIA Section 22 – Information intended for future publication, as the balance of public interest is currently against disclosing this information at this time.

Q2. How many requests have you had for information about the Olympic Bell?

This is the only request we have received about the Bell.

Q3. *What was the cost of producing the bell and what are the costs of the current storage?"*

The Bell was owned by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG); as such the Legacy Corporation does not hold cost information on the production of the Bell.

LOCOG transferred ownership of the Bell to the Legacy Corporation in January 2013. The Legacy Corporation does not hold information on any storage costs before this date. The Bell has been safely stored within the Legacy Corporation's land holdings and since the Legacy Corporation took possession the only associated cost is £600 per annum insurance premium.

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
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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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Yours sincerely


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