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## **INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 15-016**



Thank you for your information request, received on 16 March 2015. You asked us to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

"Could you also provide copies of any agreements between either LLDC or E20 Stadium LLP and London Borough of Newham or Newham Legacy Investments Limited as potential users of the stadium?"

The London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) confirms that they hold information in relation to your request.

There is no specific agreement that solely covers any of these parties as potential users of the Stadium. Schedule 3 of the "Members Agreement" between Newham Legacy Investments Ltd, the Legacy Corporation and E20 Stadium LLP (Stadium) covers Legacy Benefits which includes usage of the Stadium is included in **Annex A**.

Certain information within this document has been withheld under the section 43(2) exemption of the FOIA.

## Section 43 - Commercial interests.

(2)Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

Where information has been redacted under Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we can confirm that we have given careful consideration to the public interest in the information contained in your request and for the redacted information we consider that the balance of the public interest in non-disclosure outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

There is of course a public interest in promoting transparency of the decisions and accountability in regards to the agreements that are entered into by public sector bodies. However, the disclosure of the information identified as commercially sensitive would be likely to prejudice commercial interests of the Stadium because it will reveal detail of financial information and future plans which would be likely impact on current and future negotiations for use of the Stadium, which in turn would harm the Stadium's ability to achieve best value for the public purse. The Stadium needs to be able to successfully

operate in a small, strong and very competitive market. The information identified as commercially sensitive, if disclosed, would be likely to put the Stadium at a competitive disadvantage within this market by allowing competitors of the Stadium at gain access to commercially valuable information.

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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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 SK9 5AF

Telephone 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45

Website www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

FOI / EIR Co-ordinator London Legacy Development Corporation