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12 October 2015

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 15-060

Dear 

Thank you for your information request, received on 15 September 2015. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

“a FOIA request for copies of all correspondence, approvals etc. including emails ref Contamination Remediation measures or please direct me to your FOIA disclosures site.”

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation holds information that falls within the description specified in your request.

Searches were run across our fileserver and our email system on the terms contamination and remediation. Records within the fileserver with these search terms exceeded 67,000 items and were over 105GB in total size. Records within the email system exceeded 99,000 items and were over 31GB in total size.

With consideration to the above figures, in so far as FOIA applies, the resources that would be required to locate, retrieve and extract this information would far exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and for the Legacy Corporation this is £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2 ½ working days in determining whether the Legacy Corporation hold the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the relevant information.

Consequently, in as much as FOIA applies, the Legacy Corporation is not obliged under Section 12 of the FOIA to respond to your request and we will not be processing your request further.

As the subject matter in question cover environmental issues, the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) were also considered for this request. In as much as EIR applies, with consideration to the figures above the Legacy Corporation are issuing a refusal notice for this request under the regulation 12(4)(b) exception. Regulation 12(4)(b) permits a public authority to refuse a request if it is “manifestly unreasonable”, for example if:

- It is too burdensome to deal with in terms of unreasonable costs or unreasonable diversion of resources; and/or

- It disrupts the public authority's ability to perform its core functions; and/or
- It seems to be aimed at disrupting the public authority's performance.

In this case we consider that the request is manifestly unreasonable. The process of excessively reviewing documents to identify relevant material, review any potentially exempt information within them, redact exempt information and collate the material for disclosure would be a too burdensome and it would result in an unreasonable diversion of limited resources and disruption to our ability to perform our functions.

This exception is subject to the public interest test which requires us to consider whether in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Legacy Corporation accepts that there is a general public interest in transparency and accountability in respect of the activities undertaken by it, particularly on matters of general public importance, environmental concerns or involving the use of public money. However, the Legacy Corporation believes that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because, given the volume of information involved in the request it would represent an unreasonable strain on the Legacy Corporation's limited resources.

If you narrow the scope of your request the Legacy Corporation may be able to provide the information free of charge because it would cost less than the appropriate limit to do so, although I cannot guarantee that this will be the case. Any reformulated request will be treated as a new information request.

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 response 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

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FOI / EIR Co-ordinator
London Legacy Development Corporation