



21 April 2016

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 16022

Dear 

Thank you for your information request, received on 22 Marc 2016. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

- “1. Which individual or group of individuals in the London Legacy Development Corporation currently has ultimate authority in relation to the Olympic bell - or does this reside outside the LLDC?*
- 2. Who is the legal owner of the Olympic bell?*
- 3. Why was the decision taken that the Olympic bell would "not be in use" and form a silent exhibit in the Queen Elizabeth Park and who took this decision? (e.g. considerations of health & safety or cost?)*
- 4. Has the LLDC ever examined options for hanging the bell so that it can be heard as well as seen?”*

The Legacy Corporation can confirm that it holds this information. I have responded using your order.

- 1. Which individual or group of individuals in the London Legacy Development Corporation currently has ultimate authority in relation to the Olympic bell - or does this reside outside the LLDC?*

The ultimate authority in relation to the Olympic Bell (the Bell) resides with the Legacy Corporation Board.

- 2. Who is the legal owner of the Olympic bell?*

The Legacy Corporation is the legal owner of the Olympic Bell.

- 3. Why was the decision taken that the Olympic bell would "not be in use" and form a silent exhibit in the Queen Elizabeth Park and who took this decision? (e.g. considerations of*

health & safety or cost?)

The primary focus of the relocation of the Bell was to site it in a prominent location within the Park, with a close association with the Stadium. The Legacy Corporation Executive Management Team approved the Bell relocation project. During the course of the project, the project team made the decision that the Bell would be hung but “not be in use” due to the complex logistics and costs involved in installing the ringing mechanism, concerns for public safety, as when the Bell is rung it is so loud that anyone in the vicinity of the Bell can physically feel the pressure wave, and also public nuisance as when the Bell is run it can be heard over a wide area outside of Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

4. Has the LLDC ever examined options for hanging the bell so that it can be heard as well as seen?

There were three different activation levels considered. The first level was physical interaction with the Bell; the second level would allow the experience of hearing a high quality recording of the Bell without physically ringing it; and the third level would be establishing the full mechanism in order to allow the physical ringing of the Bell, reserved for special occasions. For the reasons given in the response to question 3, the first level was chosen as the preferred option.

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 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
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Yours sincerely



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