



16 June 2016

**INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 16047**

Dear 

Thank you for your information request, received on 18 May 2016. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

“The total amount of monies paid by the RWC organisers to the LLDC (and/or its operators). Please note that I am not asking for a breakdown, but the complete sum of money including any money still owed.”

The Legacy Corporation can confirm that they hold the information you have requested, however this information is being withheld under the FOIA section s.43(2) commercial interests.

S.43(2) - 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).

The section 43(2) is a qualified exemption and subject to the prejudice test and the public interest test. Under the prejudice test we have to consider if disclosure of this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice our commercial interests or the commercial interests of a third party. Consideration is also given to the harm disclosing this information would be likely to cause, combined with other information already in the public domain (mosaic effect) or possibly released at a future date (precedent effect). The public interest test considers and balances the public interest in disclosing this information against the public interest in not disclosing this information and uses this assessment to decide whether there is sufficient justification in withholding this information under this exemption.

Information disclosed under the FOIA is considered to be public information, and while there is a presumption towards disclosure, consideration needs to be given as to who will have access to this information beyond the requestor and the purposes for which they could use the information.

The Legacy Corporation have assessed the impact of releasing the information redacted under this exemption. 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 within this agreement currently identified as commercially sensitive would be likely to prejudice commercial interests of the Stadium because it will reveal details of financial information 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 is a multi-use venue capable of hosting different events and the more events we host, and the more profitable those events are, the greater the income we generate on behalf of the taxpayer. The Rugby World Cup was one of the first events in the Stadium however it is expected that there will be many more events in the stadium in the future, some of which are likely to be comparable to the Rugby World Cup. By releasing the total amount of monies paid by the RWC organisers to E20 we would provide a benchmark for other potential users of the Stadium as well as our competitors and create a precedent for future events. This would harm E20 Stadium LLP's (E20) ability to maximise income from future events and this would be detrimental to the income E20 generates on behalf of the taxpayer.

It is the view of the Legacy Corporation that, at this time, the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

I can confirm that RWC have paid E20 the total amount, there is no money still owed.

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  
Level 10  
1 Stratford Place  
Montfichet Road  
London  
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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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely



FOI / EIR Co-ordinator  
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