

12 August 2016

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 16065

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request, received on 25 July 2016. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR):

"I note that a school is being constructed on land next to the Here East site, formerly the Media and Broadcasting Centre, the land formerly known as Arena Fields.

- 1. Please confirm whether any of the land where the school is being built is registered as common land.*
- 2. If it, or any part of it, is common land on what basis is it allowed for this construction to take place on this piece of land given that common land is not allowed to be built on without Planning Inspectorate consent?*
- 3. Has permission been sought from or granted by the Planning Inspectorate?"*

Please see our earlier response, reference 15-082, sent to you on 21 January 2016, response letter attached as annex A for reference.

In 15-082 question 4, you requested: *"regarding the issue of common land, the map of landownership you have provided would appear to include at least two areas of land which were common land, namely Arena Fields and Morris Field, which are marked in areas described as LLDC freeholds. As they are marked as LLDC freehold these must be areas the LLDC is responsible for. I would have thought you would be able to say if they were still common land or if not how this had been changed. The other area which was common land would seem to be under the control of the LVRPA. If I understand your response correctly then you seem to be saying that these two former areas of land are no longer common land as you said you could not provide information for land for which you were not responsible but you made no mention of these two pieces of land, which would seem to be in the LLDC zone of responsibility. Perhaps you could confirm whether these pieces of land are no longer considered to be common land and if when they ceased to be and why. What process was followed to remove their common land status?"*

Our response to 15-082 question 4 was as follows: Any changes in status were undertaken pursuant to the powers granted in the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act 2006.

To clarify the above, the Legacy Corporation can confirm that the land where the school is being constructed, next to the Here East site, is not common land. This land was included within The London Development Agency (Lower Lea Valley, Olympic and Legacy) Compulsory Purchase Order 2005.

Section 36(3)(a) of the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act 2006 dis-applied Section 19 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 which relates to the reprovision of special types of land, including common land, where these are acquired for development under a compulsory purchase order.

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:

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Water Lane
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SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely


FOI / EIR Co-ordinator
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