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INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 16095

Dear 

Thank you for your information request, received on 16 August 2016. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

“Please provide details of your assessment of the artistic contribution of the HW communities to wider London and the Arts.”

The Legacy Corporation can confirm that they hold information relevant to your request. Two studies were used by the Policy section of the Planning and Policy Decisions Team of the Legacy Corporation as part of their evidence base for the Local Plan. The two reports were a business survey and an artistic survey. Both of these reports are available on the Legacy Corporation website.

The Business Survey is in three parts:

[Economy Study. Part A – Business Survey](#)

[Economy Study Part B – Employment Land review](#)

[Economy Study. Part C – Qualitative Research](#)

The Artistic Survey:

[Research and viability study of affordable and managed workspaces supporting artistic practise in East London, 2013](#)

This assessment has been taken into account in the adopted Legacy Corporation Local Plan (July 2015). Sub Area 1 (Hackney Wick and Fish Island) within the Plan specifically highlights the role and presence of creative and cultural industries. The Area Priorities Section on page 151 includes the following:

“Creative and productive employment: Protecting creative and cultural industrial uses that support the continuation of Hackney Wick and Fish Island’s entrepreneurial and enterprising work culture. The Legacy Corporation in its role as Local Planning Authority will support the creative and cultural industries that combine to give Hackney Wick and Fish Island its distinctive sense of place. It will also promote development that incorporates a range of employment floorspace including ‘starter’ and ‘move on’ units for small and medium enterprises. Hackney Wick and Fish Island contains nearly 40 per cent of the employment land within the Legacy Corporation area, and more than 60 per cent of its businesses.”

Policy 1.2, page 155, ‘Promoting Hackney Wick and Fish Island’s unique identity and appearance’, also reinforces the contribution of cultural and creative industries at point 5.

“Policy 1.2: Promoting Hackney Wick and Fish Island’s unique identity and appearance

Proposals for development within Sub Area 1 will be considered acceptable where they:

1. Reinforce local distinctiveness by incorporating high-quality and distinctive architecture that uses durable and suitable materials which reference the area’s industrial past
2. Enhance existing yards and poor-quality and under-used passages and streets
3. Create new open spaces that complement the identity of the area
4. Allow for future changes in use through flexible design
5. Respect the contribution made by cultural and creative industries to the identity, culture and character of the area. “

The full Local Plan is available on the Legacy Corporation website at <http://queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/our-story/transforming-east-london/local-plan>

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:

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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
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Yours sincerely



FOI / EIR Co-ordinator

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