



19 December 2016

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 16118

Dear 

Thank you for your information request received on 7 November and extended on 5 December for additional consideration of the public interest. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) and E20 Stadium LLP (E20) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

- “1. Names of all companies that have provided security services for West Ham United (WHU) matches separated for each match.*
- 2. How were these companies chosen? Please include method (i.e. tender) and criteria they were selected on.*
- 3. Please provide all instructions, correspondence and meeting minutes with external security companies in relation to the Stoke City game on 5 November 2016.”*

I can confirm that this information is held by LS185 on behalf of E20 and the Legacy Corporation.

Q.1 Names of all companies that have provided security services for West Ham United (WHU) matches separated for each match.

This information is held by the stadium operators, London Stadium 185 (LS185) and is not held by the Legacy Corporation or E20. LS185 has a contract with OCS for these services – this information is in the public domain.

Q.2 How were these companies chosen? Please include method (i.e. tender) and criteria they were selected on

LS185 has a contract with OCS for these services – this information is in the public domain. OCS took part in a competitive tender run by LS185 and were awarded the contract on 30th May 2015.

The criteria used in the procurement are held by the stadium operators, LS185 and is not held by the E20 or Legacy Corporation.

Q.3 Please provide all instructions, correspondence and meeting minutes with external security companies in relation to the Stoke City game on 5 November 2016.”

This information is held by the stadium operators, London Stadium 185 (LS185) and is not held by the Legacy Corporation or E20. LS185 are not providing the information and have confirmed that it is being withheld under section 31(1)(a) of the FOIA.

S.31 - Law enforcement.

(1) Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice—

(a) the prevention or detection of crime

The section 31 exemption 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 the prevention of crime. 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 and E20 have assessed the impact of releasing this information and consider that the public interest in this particular information, namely details of the security instructions, correspondence and meeting minutes provided to the security companies in relation to the Stoke City game would not benefit from this information being released into the public domain. The security of the Stadium and all future matches would be jeopardised, and the prevention of crime would be likely to be prejudiced. It is the view of the Legacy Corporation and E20 that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

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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Montfichet Road
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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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