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INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 16138

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request, received on 3 January 2017. You asked E20 and the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

“Please confirm how many of the stewards currently hired to provide a service at the London Stadium comply with the National Occupational Standards for Spectator Safety units as identified from the green guide text and the total of those who currently do not as of 03/01/2017. As part of your answer can you provide me with the deadlines for those who do not currently comply with the standards for when they need to comply with the standards?”

Please can you provide me with copies of the recorded briefings and debriefings for stewarding staff held between the dates 01/01/2016 and 03/01/2017?”

I can confirm that information relevant to your request is held by London Stadium 185 (LS185) on behalf of E20.

In relation to your first request, E20 and the Legacy Corporation can confirm that LS185 complies with the relevant legislation.

All stewards have, or are working towards having, NVQ's in Spectator Safety. As at 11th November 2016, the number of stewards with NVQ level 2 was 193. 71 stewards are working towards the NVQ level 2. No stewards are employed without either having an NVQ or working towards one.

In response to your second question, please be advised that LS185 hold any record of briefings and debriefing. The information within these briefings and debriefings is sensitive to the provision of security of future events and is being withheld under section 31(1)(a) prevention of crime.

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 request was for copies of the recorded briefings and debriefings for stewarding staff held between the dates 01/01/2016 and 03/01/2017. The E20 and the Legacy Corporation have assessed the impact of releasing this information and consider that the public interest would not benefit from this information being released into the public domain. The operational security of the Stadium would be jeopardised, and the prevention of crime would be likely to be prejudiced. It is the view of E20 and the Legacy Corporation 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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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
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Website www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



FOI / EIR Co-ordinator

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