

20 February 2017

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 17-007

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request, received on 23 January 2017. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

“It is proposed that parking charges will soon be increased at the London Aquatics Centre. Please supply

i) a copy of the business case and any other supporting documentation that was prepared in respect of this proposed price increase, specifically including (but not limited to)

- any financial plans or budgets which model the impact of the changes*
- how this proposal supports and promotes the policies of 'Community Participation and Engagement' and 'Equalities and Inclusion' as set out on the LDDC/QE Olympic Park website*
- details of any other alternative proposals that were prepared for parking charge changes*

ii) the date on which these proposals to increase parking charges were approved and the level or committee within the LDDC which approved the parking charge increases.

ii) a copy of the relevant minutes that record the discussion and approval of these proposed price increases”

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation holds information relevant to your request. Please find attached:

Annex A: Legacy Corporation Investment Committee report, 20 September 2016, Agenda item 6: Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park Car parking charges update.

Please note that this paper was part of the public committee meeting and is also available on our website: <http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/ldc/documents/s57118/Item%206%20-%20PUBLIC%20-%20Car%20Parking%20Charges%20paper.pdf>

Annex B: Legacy Corporation Investment Committee report, 20 September 2016, Agenda item 14: Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park Car parking charges update.

Please note that this paper was heard in the private part of the Investment Committee and was not previously published.

Information has been redacted from these private minutes under FOIA section 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 public sector bodies. However, the disclosure of the information currently identified as commercially sensitive would be likely to prejudice commercial interests of the Legacy Corporation because it will reveal detail of financial information and future plans which would be likely impact on future procurement and negotiation for the service which in turn would harm the Legacy Corporation's ability to achieve best value for the public purse.

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.

Annex C: London Legacy Investment Committee minutes, 20 September 2016.

Please note that the minutes of the Investment Committee are also available on our website: <http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/ldc/documents/g6043/Printed%20minutes%20Tuesday%2020-Sep-2016%2010.00%20Investment%20Committee.pdf?T=1>

The Legacy Corporation was also updated on the car parking at the Executive Management Team (EMT) on 26 September. The relevant text from the EMT minutes for 26 September 2016 has been extract and included below:

“9.4 Mark Camley noted that the Investment Committee agreed the policy for car parking charges at their meeting on 20 September and delegated to EMT to amend car parking charges provided that they were within the agreed policy. EMT had previously discussed the proposed increases when it reviewed the 20 September Investment Committee papers on 5/9 including option 2 that was recommended in the paper. EMT agreed to the increases that were set out under option 2 in the 20 September Investment Committee paper.

- **Action: implement car parking charge increases (option 2 in the 20 September Investment Committee paper) – MC.”**

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:

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Website www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely


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