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INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 17-036

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request, received on 19 June 2017. You asked E20 Stadium LLP (E20) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

"1) Please tell me the total cost to remove, store and restore the large West Ham United sign from the London Stadium for the World Athletics Championships.

2) Please tell me the total cost to remove, store and restore all other West Ham branding, signs, logos excluding the large West Ham United sign for the World Athletics Championships.

3) Please tell me the total cost for any additional costs not related to West Ham branding in the contractual requirement to have a clean stadium for the World Athletics Championships."

I can confirm that E20 holds some information relevant to your request. Our response follows your order:

1) Please tell me the total cost to remove, store and restore the large West Ham United sign from the London Stadium for the World Athletics Championships.

The total cost to remove, store and restore the West Ham United sign from the London Stadium is known, however this information is being withheld 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.

E20 has 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 the agreements that are entered into by public sector bodies. However, the disclosure of the cost information would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of E20 because it will reveal detail of financial information which would be likely to harm E20's ability to obtain best value for the public purse when the exercise needs to be undertaken again in future.

It is the view of E20 that, at this time, the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

2) Please tell me the total cost to remove, store and restore all other West Ham branding, signs, logos excluding the large West Ham United sign for the World Athletics Championships.

E20 do not currently hold this information as the costs for the works have yet to be fully reconciled.

3) Please tell me the total cost for any additional costs not related to West Ham branding in the contractual requirement to have a clean stadium for the World Athletics Championships.

As above, E20 do not currently hold this information as the costs for the works have yet to be fully reconciled.

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
Water Lane
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Telephone 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45

Website www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

FOI / EIR Co-ordinator
E20 Stadium LLP