



8 August 2017

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 17-046

Dear 

Thank you for your information request, received on 1 August 2017. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR):

"I would be very grateful if you could answer the following, where possible:

- *What are the plans for biodiversity action plans in the Olympic park area? The current BAP lasts until 2019 – when will a new one be written and when will it run until?*
- *Are there plans to continue the eradication of invasive species e.g. Japanese Knotweed?*
- *Is there enforcement or requirement that any new buildings in the Olympic park area must incorporate habitat features into their designs?*
- *Is there any restriction on planting in the Olympic park area?*
- *How much of the energy use in the Olympic park area is sourced from renewables?*
- *Do all buildings around the Olympic park area have to meet BREEAM excellent standards?*
- *Are efforts still being made to reduce the amount of drinking water consumed in the Olympic park area?"*

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation holds information relevant to your request. Our response follows your order:

Q.1. *What are the plans for biodiversity action plans in the Olympic park area? The current BAP lasts until 2019 – when will a new one be written and when will it run until?*

The Legacy Corporation has committed, in the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) 2014-2019, to developing a further BAP that will cover the period 2019-2024.

Q.2. *Are there plans to continue the eradication of invasive species e.g. Japanese Knotweed?*

The Legacy Corporation seeks to control invasive species on the Park, including, but not limited to Japanese Knotweed.

Q.3. *Is there enforcement or requirement that any new buildings in the Olympic park area must incorporate habitat features into their designs?*

The Legacy Corporation incorporates both green infrastructure and biodiverse habitat requirements into its development as set out in the BAP – in some instances this will involve habitat features in building design, and in others, through the provision of green or brown infrastructure. The Legacy Corporation also encourages the provision of these measures through its Local Plan – which you can find on the QEOP website:

<http://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/planning-authority/planning-policy/local-plan>

Q.4. *Is there any restriction on planting in the Olympic park area?*

The Legacy Corporation does not enforce restrictions on planting in the Olympic park area outside of specific by-laws and ground condition constraints pertaining to the elements of the Park that are in Legacy Corporation ownership. New planting on the Park is developed through LLDC's Landscape Design and Park Operations teams.

Q.5. *How much of the energy use in the Olympic park area is sourced from renewables?*

The Legacy Corporation estate generated 323kWh of renewable electricity over the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 from PV arrays on the Multi-Storey Car Park, Podium Café and Timber Lodge Café.

Of the heat generated to service the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park district energy network, 35% of that produced in 2016 was from Biomass.

Q.6. *Do all buildings around the Olympic park area have to meet BREEAM excellent standards?*

The Legacy Corporation Local Plan policy S.4 requires all non-residential development to demonstrate that it is capable of achieving a minimum BREEAM 2011 Very Good, and to achieve a maximum score for water use (or an equivalent in any future nationally recognised assessment scheme).

Q.7. *Are efforts still being made to reduce the amount of drinking water consumed in the Olympic park area?*

The Legacy Corporation continues to promote water efficiency in the design of new developments, and to encourage the use of drinking fountains over bottled water.

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.

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Water Lane
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Yours sincerely

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