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10 July 2018

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 18-019



Thank you for your information request, received on 14 March 2018. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

"This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

My request relates to meetings involving the LLDC and other parties, following the supporter unrest at the London Stadium during the West Ham v Burnley game on Saturday March 3rd, 2018. Please search your records from 3rd March to the date this request is processed [14 March 2018].

Please provide me with details of all the meetings that have taken place to discuss this event since it happened. I would like to request the following specific information about each meeting:

- which meetings took place and the purpose of each meeting
- who attended the individual's names and organisations that they represent, together with their position
- how long the meetings lasted
- minutes of the meetings
- all correspondence and communications that happened between parties involved in the meetings - before, during and after the meetings took place
- copies of reports that were seen/discussed during the meetings
- the agendas and schedules of the meetings
- any voting records
- any recommendations that were made for future action/changes to procedures
- any decisions that were taken
- presentation slides and other visual images that were used during the meeting

Please provide the information in an electronic format."

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation holds information relevant to your request.

Please note that the West Ham v Burnley match was held on 10 March not on 3 March as stated in your request. Since the match on 10 March, the Legacy Corporation has attended the following meetings where the events at the West Ham v Burnley match were discussed:

Date: Saturday, 10 March 2018. Time unknown.

Meeting with WHU and LS185 communications teams

Ben Fletcher (Director of Communications, Media and Strategy – at the time of the request); West Ham United Communications; LS185

No minutes were produced for this meeting. No notes could be identified.

Date: Monday, 12 March 2018, Time:10am

Stadium Executive Group (SEG) Weekly

Attendees: See agenda.

Duration: One hour

Meeting correspondence:

• Annex A – agenda, circulated before the match.

No minutes were produced for this meeting. No notes could be identified.

Please be advised that information in Annex A has been redacted under s.40 – personal information and s.31(1)(a) – prevention of crime.

Section 40(2) – personal information

- (2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—
- (a) it constitutes personal data which do not fall within subsection (1), and
- (b) either the first or the second condition below is satisfied.

It is the standard practice of the Legacy Corporation to redact personal information for those members of staff under Head of Service level. In addition, we redact the personal information for all non-Legacy Corporation personnel unless consent to release the information has been received.

The section 40 exemption is absolute and is not subject to the public interest test. In this instance, the relevant condition that applies is section 40(2) whereby the information is defined as personal data within Part 1 Section 3 of the Data Protection Act 2018.

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 have assessed the impact of releasing the dial in numbers associated with our conference call facilities and consider that the public interest would not benefit from this information being released into the public domain. If this information was in the public domain the controls in relation to access to the facility would be weakened and they could potentially be vulnerable to misuse by third parties and increase the possibility of fraud and therefore, releasing this information would be likely to prejudice the prevention of crime. It is the view of the Legacy Corporation that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

Date: Monday, 12 March 2018, 11:00am.

Conference Call

Ben Fletcher, Mark Robinson (Head of External Affairs), representatives of LS185 No minutes were produced for this meeting. No notes could be identified.

Date: Monday, 12 March 2018, 12:00-13.00.

Debrief meeting with Operator

Representatives from LS185; Lyn Garner (Chief Executive), Gerry Murphy (Deputy Chief Executive), Ben Fletcher, Mark Camley (Executive Director of Park Operations and Venues), Alan Skewis (E20 Director), Alan Fort (E20 consultant).

No minutes were produced for this meeting. No notes could be identified.

Date: Monday, 12 March 2018, Afternoon.

Meeting held at the Stadium

Sports Ground Safety Authority (SGSA) / London Borough of Newham (LBN) / West Ham / LS185 / Mark Camley (LLDC).

Organised by: LBN Licencing

No minutes were produced for this meeting.

Annex B – email summarising the meeting.

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Please note that the attachment on this email (image001.png) is an image of the QEOP logo and has not been included.

Date: Wednesday, 14 March 2018, 09:45.

Ben Fletcher, Mark Robinson & LS185 Communications team.

No minutes were produced for this meeting. No notes could be identified.

The Legacy Corporation does not hold any other information in relation to these meetings.

While this is outside of the scope of your request, please note that on Thursday 15 March 2018 there was an emergency meeting of the Stadium Safety Advisory Group (SSAG) held to discuss the events on 10 March. The minutes of the meeting are published on the London Borough of Newham's website:

https://www.newham.gov.uk/Documents/Business/SSAGMinutes15March2018.pdf

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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Yours sincerely

FOI / EIR Co-ordinator London Legacy Development Corporation