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## **INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 18-022**

Dear

Thank you for your information request, received on 23 March 2018. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

"Please provide information regarding the amount of affordable housing, setting out the different kinds of affordable housing in each project, being provided in the various housing projects either completed, under construction or which have received planning permission in the Legacy Zone along with the totals for affordable housing provision to date in the Legacy Zone."

The Legacy Zone has been clarified to mean the area outside of the Park but under the control of the Legacy Corporation Planning policy and decisions team (PPDT) as the Local Planning authority for that area.

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation hold some information relevant to your request, however, the Legacy Corporation has calculated that the resources that would be required to compile this information would far exceed the appropriate limit.

The appropriate limit for the Legacy Corporation is £450, calculated as 18 hours at the rate of £25 per hour, however, only the time taken to:

- a. establishing if the information is held;
- b. locating the information;
- c. retrieving the information; and
- d. extracting the information,

can be taken into consideration when calculating the estimated costs of answering the request.

The request would require the Legacy Corporation to collate information site by site on what affordable housing has been approved by the Legacy Corporation since it became the Local Planning Authority (LPA) in October 2012. The Legacy Corporation cannot justify the cost or the use of resources that would be required in order to answer your request, especially with consideration that all of this information is publicly available on the Legacy Corporation Planning Register, which is available on our website.

This is without considering the time required to ascertain if information is held on affordable housing developments within the Legacy Zone that pre-date the Legacy Corporation as the LPA

As a result, we are refusing your request under FOIA section 12 – exceeding the appropriate limit and section 21 – information accessible to applicant by other means.

## <u>s.21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means.</u>

- (1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—
- (a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and
- (b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

However, under FOIA section 16 we have a duty to provide advice and assistance if possible. The Legacy Corporation produces an annual Planning Authority Monitoring Report. The Planning Authority Monitoring Report sets out progress towards key Local Plan milestones, information on permitted and completed developments along with details of Community Infrastructure Levy schemes and receipts within the monitoring period and includes some information on affordable housing. These reports are published on our website: Planning Authority Monitoring Report.

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 Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45

Website www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

FOI / EIR Co-ordinator London Legacy Development Corporation