From: foi
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI Request
Date: 22 February 2018 15:06:00

Dear [redacted]

I can confirm that your request for information has been received and a response will be sent to you within 20 working days [21 March 2018].

Your reference for this request is 18-011. Please quote this reference in any correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

FOI/EIR Coordinator

From: [redacted] [mailto[redacted]gmail.com]
Sent: 21 February 2018 14:00
To: foi <foi@londonlegacy.co.uk>
Subject: FOI Request

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Thank you

[redacted]

From: foi
To: Gerry Murphy; [redacted] Mark Robinson; Alan Skewis; Alan Fort; Ashish Sharma
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FOI Notification 18-011 Stadium WH pitch surround
Date: 22 February 2018 15:17:00

We have received the below information request:

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Next actions required:

1. Please let me know as soon as possible if you **hold this information**, and if not, who you think does.

2. Please can you confirm immediately if **clarification is required** – with advice on the clarification required, where possible.

3. Please let me know how long you believe it would take to identify, retrieve and extract all of the information requested.

4. Please confirm who will be handling the response from your team.

5. Please let me have the **information requested as soon as possible.**

Request details

Response Deadline: 21 March 2018

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this request.

This Request Notification is an auditable document, which will be saved in the Request Folder as an Outlook item

Regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Email [redacted]londonlegacy.co.uk
Website: www.QueenElizabethOlympicPark.co.uk

From: foi
To: Gerry Murphy; Alan Skewis
Subject: RE: FOI Request
Date: 06 March 2018 16:42:00

Yes, you both first then I need HR sign off.

[redacted]

From: Gerry Murphy
Sent: 06 March 2018 16:40
To: foi <foi@londonlegacy.co.uk>; Alan Skewis <AlanSkewis@e20stadium.com>
Subject: Re: FOI Request

Ok, that's fine thanks, do you need to get HR to ok?

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[redacted]

From: Alan Skewis
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOI Request
Date: 07 March 2018 10:24:52

[redacted]

OK with me.

We do probably have them already for the expert determination. [redacted] can you speak to [redacted]

Alan

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To:	Alan Skewis; [redacted] Mark Robinson
Cc:	[redacted]
Subject:	FOI 18-011 Stadium WH pitch surround
Date:	09 March 2018 11:12:00
Attachments:	West Ham bid to change colour around the pitch to claret to help players see the touchline.pdf FOI Request.msg 18-011 emails v0.2 (2).pdf

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KEN DYER

West Ham say they have run into a brick wall in their efforts to add to the colour of match day at the London Stadium by painting part of the pitch surround a different colour from green.

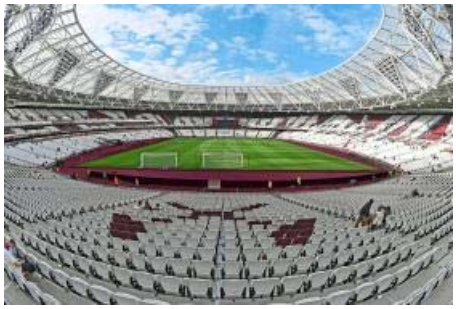
Slaven Bilic, West Ham's manager, writes in his exclusive column in the Evening Standard that his players would benefit from having the area surrounding the pitch painted claret, part of the club colours, with the club prepared to pay the estimated cost of £200,000.

"We have a great stadium but we want to improve it even more though, to make it like, for example, the Parc des Princes, home of Paris Saint-Germain," writes Bilic.

"If you look at their stadium, they have changed the colour of the area around their pitch to blue. We want to do something similar and change to a darker colour - claret.

"Let me explain it like this. It is impossible to bring the crowd closer but we can improve things by changing the perspective.

"Imagine you are a player, you are running back to defend or you are joining the attack – you look up and it is not easy, because everything is green ahead of you, to appreciate exactly where is the end of the pitch and that can psychologically affect your willingness to do it.



- Read more

Bilic exclusive: Changing colour around the pitch will help Hammers

"We have done everything we can to receive permission to do this, especially our vice chairman Karren Brady. I am mentioning it almost every time I meet her.

"I know Karren has tried very hard and talked to all of the parties involved but we can't seem the get the necessary permission from the powers that be. It's not clear to me why but I believe it would make a big difference, so I am hoping approval will be given soon.

"We have even offered to pay for the work which, so I understand, would cost around £200,000."

However, an E20 spokesperson said: "E20 and West Ham have been jointly working on the installation of a blue pitch surround.

"This would be appropriate for both West Ham games and other London Stadium events.

"This colour also met the club's requirement to help their players distinguish the playing area from the pitch surround.

"West Ham have recently informed us that they no longer wish to pursue this solution.

"E20 remain happy to explore options for a new surround that meet the multi-use nature of the London Stadium and look forward to hearing more from the club."

More about: | London Stadium | Slaven Bilic

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To:	Alan Skewis
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Date:	19 March 2018 14:52:00
Attachments:	West Ham bid to change colour around the pitch to claret to help players see the touchline.pdf FOI Request.msg 18-011 emails v0.2 (2).pdf

Good afternoon Alan,

Can you give me an update on how the email review is progressing? When do you think you will complete the first pass?

Many thanks

[redacted]

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Sent: 09 March 2018 11:12
To: Alan Skewis <AlanSkewis@e20stadium.com>; [redacted]
<[redacted]londonlegacy.co.uk>; Mark Robinson <MarkRobinson@londonlegacy.co.uk>
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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: LLDC FOI 18-011
Date: 22 March 2018 12:23:00

Hi [redacted]

Many thanks for your advice, it helps a lot.

For 3&4 - I usually include a schedule for each piece of (relevant) information redacted along with the applicable exemption, especially when there are different ones applied to the same page (e.g. 43 & 40) as is likely in this instance, as it makes everything a lot clearer for both sides.

Kind regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted] [mailto [redacted]@tfl.gov.uk]
Sent: 22 March 2018 12:12
To: [redacted] <[redacted]londonlegacy.co.uk>
Subject: RE: LLDC FOI 18-011

Hi [redacted]

My thoughts set out below using your numbering:-

1. [redacted]

2. [redacted]

3&4 [redacted]

Hope that helps

[redacted]

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]londonlegacy.co.uk]
Sent: 21 March 2018 11:13

To: [redacted]
Subject: LLDC FOI 18-011

Good morning [redacted]

[redacted]

Many thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

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DDI: 020 3288 [redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]; Alan Skewis
Subject: RE: LLDC / E20 FOI 18-011 Pitch surround - provided in confidence [EFILE-Legal02.FID940990]
Date: 26 March 2018 07:55:53

[redacted]

[redacted]

Alan, I'll discuss this with you today.

[redacted]

-------- Original Message --------
From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gowlingwlg.com>
Date: Sat, March 24, 2018 8:54 a.m. +0000
To: Alan Skewis <AlanSkewis@e20stadium.com>, [redacted]
<[redacted]londonlegacy.co.uk>
Subject: RE: LLDC / E20 FOI 18-011 Pitch surround - provided in confidence [EFILE-Legal02.FID940990]

[redacted]

[EXTRACTED - NOT RELEVANT]

From: Alan Skewis [mailto:AlanSkewis@e20stadium.com]
Sent: Saturday 24 March 2018 00:15
To: [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: LLDC / E20 FOI 18-011 Pitch surround - provided in confidence [EFILE-Legal02.FID940990]

[redacted]

Can we discuss Monday.

Alan

-------- Original Message --------
From: [redacted] <[redacted]@gowlingwlg.com>
Date: Fri, March 23, 2018 8:30 pm +0000
To: [redacted] <[redacted]londonlegacy.co.uk>
CC: [redacted] <[redacted]@gowlingwlg.com>, [redacted]
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[redacted]

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]londonlegacy.co.uk]
Sent: Wednesday 21 March 2018 12:43
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: LLDC / E20 FOI 18-011 Pitch surround - provided in confidence

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Happy to discuss if you have any questions.

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From: foi
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Date: 20 April 2018 11:11:00

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Sent: 21 March 2018 14:37
To: foi <foi@londonlegacy.co.uk>
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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: foi
Subject: RE: 18-011 Pitch surround
Date: 21 June 2018 09:44:53

Yes that's fine

From: foi [mailto:foi@londonlegacy.co.uk]
Sent: 21 June 2018 09:43
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: 18-011 Pitch surround

Hi [redacted]

I'll do that in future, no problem. For the below, would a response by Monday 25 be possible?

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted] [mailto [redacted]@tfl.gov.uk]
Sent: 21 June 2018 09:19
To: foi <foi@londonlegacy.co.uk>
Subject: RE: 18-011 Pitch surround

Hello [redacted]

Sorry not to have come back to you yet. I am particularly busy at the moment I'm afraid and so with any requests for advice, it would really help me if you could let me know when you need the advice, so that I can prioritise.

Thanks
[redacted]

From: foi [mailto:foi@londonlegacy.co.uk]
Sent: 21 June 2018 09:11
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: 18-011 Pitch surround

Good morning [redacted]

Please can you let me know when you will be able to advise on the below?

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 14 June 2018 16:38
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@tfl.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: 18-011 Pitch surround

Hi [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 14 June 2018 16:04
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@tfl.gov.uk>
Subject: 18-011 Pitch surround

Hi [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: 18-011 Pitch surround
Date: 21 June 2018 13:37:00

Hi [redacted]

[redacted]

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted] [mailto [redacted] @tfl.gov.uk]
Sent: 21 June 2018 13:32
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: 18-011 Pitch surround

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: Mark Robinson
To: foi
Subject: RE: 18-011 Pitch surround
Date: 10 July 2018 10:17:13

Hello – I've chased him [redacted]

I'll chase again.

Mark

From: foi
Sent: 10 July 2018 10:05
To: Mark Robinson <MarkRobinson@londonlegacy.co.uk>
Subject: FW: 18-011 Pitch surround

Good morning Mark,

Please can you let me know if you think Ben will be able to send his email of understanding? It has a big impact on how we treat this particular email chain in the response.

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: foi
Sent: 03 July 2018 10:10
To: Mark Robinson <MarkRobinson@londonlegacy.co.uk>
Subject: RE: 18-011 Pitch surround

Good morning Mark,

I've received [redacted] WHU response on the email bundle and I'm going to send it over to [redacted] at TFL legal to review.

Please can you ask Ben to send me his confirmation email by the end of this week?

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 June 2018 09:45
To: Mark Robinson <MarkRobinson@londonlegacy.co.uk>
Subject: FW: 18-011 Pitch surround

Hi Mark,

Please see [redacted] (TFL legal) advice in relation to the document bundle for this request (attached for reference), specifically in relation to the email sent FYI from [redacted] to Ben F containing the email correspondence chain between [redacted] and [redacted]

Do you know if it is possible to contact Ben and get his thoughts, as per [redacted] advice?

Many thanks

[redacted]

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From:	Mark Robinson
To:	foi
Subject:	RE: Thank you
Date:	10 July 2018 10:49:28

Will do

From: foi
Sent: 10 July 2018 10:49
To: Mark Robinson <MarkRobinson@londonlegacy.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Thank you

That's great.

Many thanks Mark, and please thank Ben when you next speak to him.

[redacted]

From: Mark Robinson
Sent: 10 July 2018 10:44
To: foi <foi@londonlegacy.co.uk>
Subject: FW: Thank you

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Ben

Ben Fletcher

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: LLDC notification of FOI relating to Stadium pitch surround - IN CONFIDENCE
Date: 16 July 2018 17:31:20

[redacted]

[redacted]

Regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]londonlegacy.co.uk]
Sent: 10 July 2018 10:16
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: LLDC notification of FOI relating to Stadium pitch surround - IN CONFIDENCE

[redacted]

Many thanks for the below. [redacted]

If possible, please could I have a response by Thursday?

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted] [mailto [redacted]@tfl.gov.uk]
Sent: 06 July 2018 11:36
To: [redacted] <[redacted]londonlegacy.co.uk>
Subject: RE: LLDC notification of FOI relating to Stadium pitch surround - IN CONFIDENCE

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Sent: 03 July 2018 10:22
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: LLDC notification of FOI relating to Stadium pitch surround - IN CONFIDENCE

Good morning [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

If possible, please can you respond by Monday 9 July?

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@westhamunited.co.uk]
Sent: 02 July 2018 19:03
To: [redacted] <[redacted]londonlegacy.co.uk>
Subject: RE: LLDC notification of FOI relating to Stadium pitch surround

Dear [redacted]

With reference to your email of 19 June which you have sought our response on by today's date in this matter, you have not provided a copy of the applicant's request or identified the applicant to us. Moreover, the deadline you have imposed allows us very little time within which to evaluate the proposed disclosure and take advice. At the very least, please provide us with the date of the request.

Our view is that the documents attached to your email qualify for exemption under the FOIA. As such, this information should not be released into the public domain. Your email refers to section 43 of the Act. In addition, we have considered sections 31, 41 and 42. We expect that you will also have given consideration to the exemptions under these sections.

The emails in question record discussions which are expressly stated to be Without Prejudice. As such these discussions record a genuine attempt to settle an existing dispute and cannot be put before the court as evidence of admissions against the interest of the party which made them. The disclosure of the same would prejudice both parties to such dispute in that the privileged nature of this correspondence might be impaired or even lost. For the avoidance of doubt, we do not waive any privilege or other rights in such Without Prejudice correspondence.

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We expect that you will not make disclosure without notifying us in advance and allowing us a reasonable opportunity to address you further in this regard.

Best as ever
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]londonlegacy.co.uk>
Sent: 29 June 2018 09:41
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@westhamunited.co.uk>
Subject: FW: LLDC notification of FOI relating to Stadium pitch surround

Good morning [redacted]

Please can you let me have any comments from West Ham on this document bundle by Monday 2 July at the latest?

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 19 June 2018 10:51
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@westhamunited.co.uk>
Subject: LLDC notification of FOI relating to Stadium pitch surround

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The London Legacy Development Corporation has received the below Freedom of Information requests in relation to the Stadium pitch surround:

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The FOIA requires us to disclose information in response to a request unless an applicable exemption applies.

I have attached the emails that have been identified as relevant. Please can you review the attached emails and identify if there is any information that you do not want released into the public domain.

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FOIA guidance: https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-freedom-of-information/

Kind regards

[redacted]

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From: foi
To: "[redacted]gmail.com"
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Date: 17 July 2018 11:12:00

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: foi
Subject: RE: LLDC FOI 18-011 pitch surround
Date: 17 July 2018 12:44:36

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Regards

[redacted]

From: foi [mailto:foi@londonlegacy.co.uk]
Sent: 10 July 2018 10:52
To: [redacted]
Subject: LLDC FOI 18-011 pitch surround

Hi [redacted]

Please see the below email from Ben in relation to emails provided with the expectation of confidence.

[redacted]

Please let me know by Thursday 12 July if possible.

Many thanks

[redacted]

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Ben

Ben Fletcher

[redacted]

From: foi
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 18-011 pitch surround
Date: 25 July 2018 09:51:00

Good morning [redacted]

In relation to this request and the expert determination, have you been able to find out if the results are public or private?

Also, have you had a chance to review the emails and identify any information that should not be released?

Please can you give me an update by cob Friday?

Many thanks

[redacted]

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To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: LLDC notification of FOI relating to Stadium pitch surround
Date: 25 July 2018 17:31:00

Good afternoon [redacted]

Please accept my apologies in the delay in responding to your email below.

In relation to your email to Ben dated 14 September 2017 13:03:57, this will be withheld under section 41 as we believe we have a strong case defending that the email was sent with the clear understanding it was to be treated in confidence.

With regard to the other exemptions in relation to the information (s.31, s.41, s.42 and s.43), please can you give me the specific areas within the email bundle where the specific exemptions that you consider possible apply? This will help us build the best defence possible for the use of the specific exemptions if they are challenged by the requestor, for additional applications of s.41 where possible but especially in relation to the use of the s.31 and s.42 exemptions.

The more specific the information that you can give me on the application of the exemptions, then the better our chance of building strong public interest reasons to justify withholding the information.

I believe we could consider s.31 under an impact on the administration of justice where the correspondence dealt with information confidential to the parties in the context of the court proceedings. So without prejudice correspondence in which parties were negotiating to try and settle a dispute might conceivably fall within the exemption, but there would still be the public interest test to consider and blanket applications of the exemption will be harder to justify than focused specific redactions.

My concern with the application of the s.42 legal professional privilege exemption is that, in my understanding, it can only be applied to requests for advice from a solicitor or a solicitor providing legal advice. Where neither party in an email correspondence is a solicitor then we can't rely on the legal privilege exemption, that is why the commercial interests exemption is often considered instead.

Please can you let me have your response for the specific exemptions by the end of next week, Friday 3 August?

Kind regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@westhamunited.co.uk]
Sent: 02 July 2018 19:03
To: [redacted] <[redacted]londonlegacy.co.uk>
Subject: RE: LLDC notification of FOI relating to Stadium pitch surround

Dear Rachel,

With reference to your email of 19 June which you have sought our response on by today's date in this matter, you have not provided a copy of the applicant's request or identified the applicant to us. Moreover, the deadline you have imposed allows us very little time within which to evaluate the proposed disclosure and take advice. At the very least, please provide us with the date of the request.

Our view is that the documents attached to your email qualify for exemption under the FOIA. As such, this information should not be released into the public domain. Your email refers to section 43 of the Act. In addition, we have considered sections 31, 41 and 42. We expect that you will also have given consideration to the exemptions under these sections.

The emails in question record discussions which are expressly stated to be Without Prejudice. As such these discussions record a genuine attempt to settle an existing dispute and cannot be put before the court as evidence of admissions against the interest of the party which made them. The disclosure of the same would prejudice both parties to such dispute in that the privileged nature of this correspondence might be impaired or even lost. For the avoidance of doubt, we do not waive any privilege or other rights in such Without Prejudice correspondence.

The Without Prejudice Rule, which enables parties to a dispute to communicate freely for the purposes of facilitating a settlement, without being at risk of having those communications produced and disclosed and used against them, thus potentially undermining their case in the event that a settlement is not reached. There is a recognised public policy justification for this rule: that parties should be encouraged as far as possible to settle their disputes and to speak freely and confidentially in order to do so.

There is prejudice in disclosing these emails because such disclosure will undermine the purpose of Without Prejudice conversations as between the parties to various disputes which are in existence. The law recognises the value and purpose of Without Prejudice dialogue as an important encouragement to settling disputes. The benefit of Without Prejudice dialogue is lost if the parties consider that their conversation may be disclosed into the public domain.

We expect that you will not make disclosure without notifying us in advance and allowing us a reasonable opportunity to address you further in this regard.

Best as ever
[redacted]

From: [redacted] <[redacted]londonlegacy.co.uk>
Sent: 29 June 2018 09:41
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@westhamunited.co.uk>
Subject: FW: LLDC notification of FOI relating to Stadium pitch surround

Good morning [redacted]

Please can you let me have any comments from West Ham on this document bundle by Monday 2 July at the latest?

Many thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 19 June 2018 10:51
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@westhamunited.co.uk>
Subject: LLDC notification of FOI relating to Stadium pitch surround

Good morning,

The London Legacy Development Corporation has received the below Freedom of Information requests in relation to the Stadium pitch surround:

"Could you please provide the following:

1) From 20/10/2016 to 31 December 2017, all correspondence between E20/LLDC and WHUFC that relates to the attempt to install different coloured carpeting / pitch surround
2) Copies of any documentation that outlines how a proposed cost of £200k was reached (e.g. meeting minutes, quotes from suppliers, comparable examples used)"

The FOIA requires us to disclose information in response to a request unless an applicable exemption applies.

I have attached the emails that have been identified as relevant. Please can you review the attached emails and identify if there is any information that you do not want released into the public domain.

If there is any additional information you would like withheld, please provide as detailed an explanation as possible on why you would not want the information in the public domain . This would then need to be assessed against applicable FOIA exceptions.

The most common exemption considered is commercial interests (section 43). Where you are considering the use of an exemption, for instance s.43 – commercial interests, then you need to be able to demonstrate that releasing the information will prejudice your commercial interests. The more explicit you can be for the harm caused if the information were to be released, then the stronger the defence will be, but obviously without revealing the commercial interests that you are trying to protect. As an example, commercial interests includes where releasing information could harm ongoing negotiations, discussions, etc.

The LLDC will redact any names, phone numbers and other personal information for the third party unless given consent to release them.

Please let me have your comments by Monday, 25 June.

Please note that once the response has been sent, any redactions made can be challenged by the requestor – first through an internal review where an independent panel from LLDC would review the redactions made, and again consult you during the process. After that stage, if the requestor is still not happy, then they can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and one of their caseworkers could review the response. If they don't think our redactions are justified, they can force us to release information previously redacted (there is an appeal process), that is why it is so important for there to be strong justifications in place from the beginning where information is withheld under an FOIA exemption, especially one that is subject to the public interest.

If you have any questions please email me or ring me on the number below, or else, this is a link to the ICO's FOIA guidance: https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-freedom-of-information/

Kind regards

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