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**INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 18-052**

Dear 

Thank you for your information request, received on 15 August 2018. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) and E20 Stadium LLP (E20) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

*“Baseball*

*It has been reported that the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox will play each other in two Major League Baseball regular season games at the London Stadium in 2019. It is claimed they will be held on 29 and 30 June.*

*Under freedom of information.*

*How long will it take to convert the London Stadium for Baseball mode?*

*How long will it take to convert back from Baseball mode to another mode?*

*Will music concerts still be hosted in the summer of 2019 and if so what is the date range including transition timings?*

*Will athletics still be hosted in the summer of 2019 and if so what is the date range including transition timings?”*

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation and E20 hold information relevant to your request.

In relation to your first two questions:

Q1. How long will it take to convert the London Stadium for Baseball mode?

Q2. How long will it take to convert back from Baseball mode to another mode?

The Legacy Corporation and E20 can confirm that Major League Baseball (MLB) have announced plans to stage baseball at the London Stadium (Stadium) on 29 and 30 June 2019, however, the logistical details for baseball mode have yet to be confirmed.

E20 and the Legacy Corporation are withholding this information as the information requested forms part of the contract with MLB which is still being negotiated and is highly commercially sensitive. Release of this information to the public, at this time, would severely harm the commercial interests of LS185, E20 and the Legacy Corporation. The information requested is being withheld under the FOIA section s.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 Legacy Corporation and E20 have assessed the impact of releasing the information they hold in relation to your request. There is, of course, a public interest in promoting transparency of the decisions and accountability, however, the disclosure of this information would prejudice the commercial interests of the Stadium because it will reveal information which would harm current and future negotiations for use of the Stadium, which in turn would harm the Stadium's, and therefore, E20 and the Legacy Corporation's ability to achieve best value for the public purse.

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

Q3. Will music concerts still be hosted in the summer of 2019 and if so what is the date range including transition timings?

Once the Major League Baseball logistical details are confirmed, the available window for concerts will be known. The Stadium is expecting to stage multiple concerts, building on its reputation as the best multi-event venue in London

Q4. Will athletics still be hosted in the summer of 2019 and if so what is the date range including transition timings?

The stadium will be staging athletics in 2019 on the weekend of the 19-21 July 2019

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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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:

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Yours sincerely

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