



14 January 2019

**INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 18-089**

Dear 

Thank you for your information request, received on 12 December 2018. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

*"I would like to request any correspondence in regards to the decision on what to do with the Olympic Stadium at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park that is now the London Stadium home stadium of West Ham of Football Club. I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000*

*Specifically pertaining to the application that was made by West Ham to rent the stadium. As well as any documents that laid out the terms of the renting of the stadium. As well as documentation that laid out the plan for the stadium following the Olympic games."*

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation holds information which falls within the scope of your request, however, the Legacy Corporation are refusing your request under FOIA section 12 as the breadth of your request means that providing all of the information you have request will exceed the appropriate cost 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 Legacy Corporation have estimated that the resources that would be required to identify, locate, retrieve and extract all of the information requested would far exceed the appropriate limit.

Correspondence in relation to the decision on what to do with the Olympic Stadium will require the Legacy Corporation to locate, retrieve and extract gigabytes of information from years of records. The Legacy Corporation cannot justify the cost or the use of resources that would be required in order to answer your request, consequently, the Legacy Corporation is not obliged under Section 12 of the FOIA to respond to your request and we will not be processing your request further.

However, under FOIA section 16 we have a duty to provide advice and assistance if possible. You have specifically referenced the application that was made by West Ham to rent the stadium. Some information on the two competitions undertaken to find the main concessionaire for the Stadium is in the public domain. Please review our FOI disclosure log for all FOIA requests received in relation to the Stadium. The Concession agreement between E20 and West Ham is published on our website along with other key agreements. There is also a link to the recent independent review into the Stadium undertaken on behalf of the Mayor of London. As a guide to the information available, please review this page on our website : [www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/the-park/venues/the-stadium/stadium-transparency](http://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/the-park/venues/the-stadium/stadium-transparency).

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. We will then be able to ascertain whether we would be able to respond within the appropriate limit on this new request or offer advice on how to refine your search.

Please be advised that any reformulated request will be treated as a new information request.

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If you are unhappy with our response to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of our decision, you should write to:

Deputy Chief Executive  
London Legacy Development Corporation  
Level 10, 1 Stratford Place  
Montfichet Road  
London, E20 1EJ

Email: [FOI@londonlegacy.co.uk](mailto:FOI@londonlegacy.co.uk)

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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

FOI / EIR Co-ordinator  
London Legacy Development Corporation