



17 September 2019

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 19-044

Dear 

Thank you for your information request, received on 17 August 2019. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

“We are looking at the regeneration of the Olympic Park, and particularly I’m looking at whether the creation of the wetlands area has produced an environmentally sustainable area.

I was hoping to see if you might have any relevant research data about:

- air quality / pollution levels in London or the Olympic Park*
- water quality / pollution levels at the Olympic park or relevant nearby areas*
- pollution that was caused by the building of the Olympic Park*
- biodiversity within the area (plant species, insects etc..)”*

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation holds some information which falls within the scope of your request. The information relevant to your request is below and our response follows your order:

“- air quality / pollution levels in London or the Olympic Park”

The Legacy Corporation does not hold data for air quality/ pollution levels. There are real time air quality monitors on our construction sites, which operate as triggers for alarms if air quality targets (mainly dust related) were exceeded. Any exceedance is managed via our development partner (Mace) to resolve the underlying issue. These issues are reviewed at the Environmental Forum Meetings, but we do not keep records of each air quality alert. For London-wide air quality data, you may find the following link useful <http://www.londonair.org.uk/LondonAir/Default.aspx>

“- water quality / pollution levels at the Olympic park or relevant nearby areas”

The Legacy Corporation does not hold data for water quality / pollution levels at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The waterways are managed by the Canals and River Trust <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/>.

“- pollution that was caused by the building of the Olympic Park”

The building of the Olympic Park was undertaken by the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) not the Legacy Corporation. The Legacy Corporation does not hold data relating to the pollution caused when building the Olympic Park. This information would have been held by the ODA and would have been transferred to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) when the ODA was dissolved in December 2014. Information on how to submit a FOI request to DCMS is on their website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-culture-media-sport>.

You may also find the sustainability section of our website useful

<https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/our-story/transforming-east-london/sustainability>. Within this section you can view our Sustainability Guide which refers to the large amount of land remediation/ soil decontamination and water way restoration undertaken as part of preparation for the 2012 London Olympic Games
https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/-/media/geop/files/public/misc-documents/lldc_your_sustainability_guide_to_the_queen_elizabeth_olympic_park2030.ashx?la=en

“- biodiversity within the area (plant species, insects etc..)”

Please see link to the Legacy Corporation’s Biodiversity Action Plan which is due to be updated this year and will be published on our website.

<https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/-/media/lldc/sustainability-and-biodiversity/legacy-communities-scheme-biodiversity-action-plan-2014-2019.ashx?la=en>

You may also refer to the latest Biodiversity Action Plan Monitoring Report found at the link below which shows progress with the Biodiversity Action Plan’s implementation.

<https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/-/media/biodiversity-action-plan-monitoring-report-2016.ashx?la=en>

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
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Montfichet Road
London, E20 1EJ

Email: 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

Yours sincerely

FOI / EIR Co-ordinator
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