

[REDACTED]

14 October 2019

**INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 19-047**

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request, received on 30 August 2019. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

*“Please can you send me or point me in the direction about reports relating to the elrow town event in 2018 and any reports regarding future elrow events at the park for future years ie 2019 onwards.”*

The request was further clarified as:

*“Please can you send me or point me in the direction about reports relating to the elrow town event in 2018 and any reports regarding future elrow events at the park for future years ie 2019 onwards [in relation to] a licensing issue. They held events at your park so I want to see any reports that agreed the licence for this event or reports which discussed the event after it took place and/or declined to host the event again. I now understand the company name is 'a man about a dog ltd'. Do you have a licensing committee?”*

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation holds information which falls within the scope of your request. The information relevant to your request is below:

All Premises Licences at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park (QEOP) are held by the Legacy Corporation so individual events are not required to apply for a licence. All event producers have to comply with the licence conditions through the contract and go through the Licensing, Operational Planning & Safety Group (LOPSG) to satisfy the requirements of the Licence and to ensure all planning requirements are met. All LOPSG minutes from 21 January 2018 onwards are published on the London Borough of Newham’s website; a link to the webpage has been included here: [LOPSG minutes](#).

The Legacy Corporation chose not to host Elrow Town in 2019 as QEOP is in the midst of the transition to our final legacy projects so a number of our large interim spaces have gone; which means our last remaining large-scale space has to accommodate a diverse range of events and therefore we aim to focus on a wide range of projects and not have too many more large-scale music events.

The Legacy Company does not hold any information in relation to the production company "A Man About A Dog" in relation to Elrow Town event. While Elrow Town was held at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in 2017 and 2018, it was a different production company.

The Legacy Corporation do hold an internal post event report for the Elrow Town events on 19 & 20 August 2017 and on 18 & 19 August 2018, however, these reports are being withheld under the FOIA exemptions s.43(2) – commercial interests and s.31 – law enforcement

Section 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).*

Section 43(2) is a qualified exemption and subject to the prejudice test and the public interest test. Under the prejudice test we have to consider if disclosure of this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice our commercial interests or the commercial interests of a third party.

Consideration is also given to the harm disclosing this information would be likely to cause, combined with other information already in the public domain (mosaic effect) or possibly released at a future date (precedent effect). The public interest test considers and balances the public interest in disclosing this information against the public interest in not disclosing this information and uses this assessment to decide whether there is sufficient justification in withholding this information under this exemption.

Information disclosed under the FOIA is considered to be public information, and while there is a presumption towards disclosure, consideration needs to be given as to who will have access to this information beyond the requestor and the purposes for which they could use the information.

#### Prejudice to commercial interests

The Legacy Corporation has assessed the impact of releasing the information redacted under the exemption s.43 – commercial interests in order to decide whether disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice their commercial interests or those of any third party(ies). They have concluded that prejudice to commercial interests would be caused by disclosure so that the exemption is engaged.

These reports were written for an internal audience only and due to this they contain information that would not normally be included in a report intended for external audience. If released, the reports would harm the commercial interest of the Legacy Corporation and the production company. Despite the passage of time since the events, the Legacy Corporation has determined that the information is still commercially sensitive, therefore, the Legacy Corporation considers that releasing the information would prejudice commercial interests as it would release a number of commercial issues into the public domain.

#### Public Interest Test

There is, of course, a public interest in promoting transparency of public authorities' decisions and accountability, however, the disclosure of the information within the reports identified as commercially sensitive would be likely to prejudice commercial interests of the Legacy Corporation and the production company because it will reveal details which would be likely impact on current and future sensitive business interests.

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

S.31 - Law enforcement.

*(1) Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice—*

*(a) the prevention or detection of crime*

The section 31 exemption is a qualified exemption and subject to the prejudice test and the public interest test. Under the prejudice test we have to consider if disclosure of this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention of crime.

Consideration is also given to the harm disclosing this information would be likely to cause, combined with other information already in the public domain (mosaic effect) or possibly released at a future date (precedent effect). The public interest test considers and balances the public interest in disclosing this information against the public interest in not disclosing this information and uses this assessment to decide whether there is sufficient justification in withholding this information under this exemption.

Information disclosed under the FOIA is considered to be public information, and while there is a presumption towards disclosure, consideration needs to be given as to who will have access to this information beyond the requestor, and the purposes for which they could use the information.

Prejudice to the prevention of crime

The Legacy Corporation has assessed the impact of releasing the information withheld under the exemption s.31(1)(a) – prevention of crime in order to decide whether disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention of crime. We have concluded that prejudice to the prevention of crime would be caused by disclosing this information so the exemption is engaged.

The reports were written for an internal audience and therefore contain information on operational security practices and procedures that, if made public, would prejudice the prevention of crime and jeopardise the security of the Park.

Public Interest Test

There is, of course, a public interest in promoting transparency of public authorities' decisions and accountability, however, the disclosure of the security information held within the requested reports would be likely to prejudice the security of the Park and venues because it will reveal details of security arrangements and operations.

It is the view of the Legacy Corporation that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

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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:

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

Yours sincerely

FOI / EIR Co-ordinator  
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