



10 January 2020

**INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 19-057**

Dear 

Thank you for your information request, received on 2 October 2019. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

*"We write to request information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and/or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.*

*We are aware of the planning application submitted by Stratford Garden Development Limited for a multi-use entertainment venue on land to the west of Angel Lane, Stratford (application ref: 19/00097/FUL) (the Sphere Application). We are also aware of the request made by the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) for further information under Regulation 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 dated 23 August 2019 in relation to the Sphere Application. That request seeks further information on matters including the Highways, Transport and Movement chapter of the Environmental Statement (chapter 6) and, in particular, information on the impact on Stratford Station.*

*The examination into the LLDC's draft Revised Local Plan considered, under matter 7, Policy 3.1 and Site Allocation SA3.1: Stratford Town Centre West, Development 2; the Sphere Application relates to part of that land. The Inspector asked the LLDC whether the transport infrastructure would be able to cope with the additional demands of the Sphere Application, or something of a similar scale. The LLDC's officers responded that they were working with Transport for London, the applicant and other organisations to increase capacity at Stratford Station and identify ways in which the proposal can mitigate its impact on the transport infrastructure. It was noted by LLDC officers that LLDC had identified areas which need to be improved but stated that they are "confident" that the impacts of the Sphere Application on Stratford station can be appropriately mitigated.*

*We request:*

- a) *Copies of all correspondence with Transport for London regarding the proposed capacity improvements to Stratford Station;*

- b) *Copies of all correspondence with the applicant regarding the proposed capacity improvements to Stratford Station;*
- c) *Copies of all correspondence with other organisations regarding the proposed capacity improvements to Stratford Station;*
- d) *Any work carried out by externally appointed consultants to review the works proposed to Stratford Station (other than the MSG Sphere - High Level Review of Traffic and Transport prepared by Jacobs dated 27 August and the Environmental Statement Review prepared by Arup dated 23 August 2019); and*
- e) *Any other evidence on which the LLDC relied in order to make the statement given to the Local Plan examination.*

*In light of the LLDC request for information dated 23 August 2019, this request is limited to communications after that date.”*

*With clarification, this request covers correspondence in relation to the Planning Application reference 19/00097/FUL only.*

With regard to your interpretation of what was said at the recent Local Plan hearings, this issue was considered briefly as part of the discussion on ‘Matter 12: Sub Area 3 – Central Stratford and Southern Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park’, Thursday 19th September. One of the matters considered was the representation and further statement made by the Stop MSG residents group. At the hearing session, in addressing the matters raised by the group, officers were explicit that they could not address issues related to the MSG planning application as this was a live planning application that would be determined based on the assessment of the submitted scheme. Officers do not consider that the statement in your letter that “It was stated by LLDC officers that they are “confident” that the effects of the Sphere Application on Stratford Station can be appropriately mitigated” correctly reflects what was said in this context at the time.

In relation to your freedom of information requests, I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation holds information relevant to your requests.

- a) *Copies of all correspondence with Transport for London regarding the proposed capacity improvements to Stratford Station;*
- b) *Copies of all correspondence with the applicant regarding the proposed capacity improvements to Stratford Station;*
- c) *Copies of all correspondence with other organisations regarding the proposed capacity improvements to Stratford Station;*

To avoid duplication, the emails covered by these three requests have been amalgamated. Please find attached in **Annex A** relevant correspondence in relation to the planning application ref 19/00097/FUL regarding the proposed capacity improvements to Stratford Station sent or received between 23 August 2019 and 2 October 2019.

*d) Any work carried out by externally appointed consultants to review the works proposed to Stratford Station (other than the MSG Sphere - High Level Review of Traffic and Transport prepared by Jacobs dated 27 August and the Environmental Statement Review prepared by Arup dated 23 August 2019); and*

The Legacy Corporation have not requested external consultants review the proposed Stratford Station improvement works.

*e) Any other evidence on which the LLDC relied in order to make the statement given to the Local Plan examination.*

During the Examination of the draft Revised Local Plan, in response to the Inspectors' MIQs, the Legacy Corporation referred to the Transport for London – Written Statement on the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) Local Plan, dated 9 August 2019 and a Transport Capacity Explanatory Note prepared by Jacobs for LLDC which includes reference to Stratford Station which formed part of the LLDC response to those MIQ's. Both of these documents are available on our website, however links have been provided:

[https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/-/media/lldc/local-plan/examination-2019/statements/3rd-party-statements/12-pr\\_036-001-tfl.ashx?la=en](https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/-/media/lldc/local-plan/examination-2019/statements/3rd-party-statements/12-pr_036-001-tfl.ashx?la=en)

<https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/-/media/lldc/local-plan/examination-2019/local-evidence-base/ld34-annex-2.ashx?la=en>

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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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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:

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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

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