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9 December 2019

## **INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 19-058**

Dear

Thank you for your information request, received on 3 October 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 I be provided with all meeting minutes for the LLDC Construction Working Group for 2017, 2018 and 2019 up to the date of this FOI request (03/10/2019)?"

The LLDC Construction Working Group in the request has been clarified as being the Park Construction Transport Working Group (CTMG).

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation holds information relevant to your request. Please find details of the relevant minutes below:

Park CTMG minutes for 2017: These minutes have been attached in Annex A.

Park CTMG minutes for 2018: These minutes have been attached in Annex B.

Park CTMG minutes for 2019: These minutes have been attached in Annex C.

Please be advised that information on page 23, 33 and 35 in the 2017 minutes and page 12 in the 2018 minutes has been redacted under section 31 – law enforcement.

# Section 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.

Given the nature of the information requested, releasing the information redacted will make public information on the security of the Park which is sensitive and 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 information requested, currently withheld under s.31(1)(a) and identified as prejudice to the prevention of crime would be likely to prejudice the security of the Park and venues because it will reveal details which would reveal sensitive 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.

Please be advised that information in all of the attached minutes has been redacted under section 40 – personal data.

# Section 40(2) –personal information

- (2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if -
- (a) it constitutes personal data which does not fall within subsection (1), and
- (b) the first, second or third condition below is satisfied.

It is the standard practice of the Legacy Corporation to redact personal information for those members of staff under Head of Service level, and for non-Legacy Corporation personnel unless consent to release the information has been received.

The section 40 exemption is absolute and is not subject to the public interest test. In this instance, the relevant condition that applies is section 40(2) whereby the information is defined as personal data within s.3(2) of the Data Protection Act 2018.

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** 

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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 London Legacy Development Corporation