



28 January 2020

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 20-005

Dear 

Thank you for your information request, received on 10 January 2020. 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 make the following request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please supply a list of all the external consultants employed by LLDC to provide advice/guidance on the content of planning applications related to the proposed MSG Sphere in Stratford.

For each consultant employed, I would like to know:

*The name of the company, or whether it is a private individual;
A brief description of the nature of support/services they are or will be providing;
Where a contract exists, the start and end date;
The budgeted cost;
The actual amount paid to date.*

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation holds information relevant to your request.

The following consultants have provided advice and / or guidance to the Legacy Corporation in relation to the proposed MSG Sphere planning application:

Arup	Expertise on environmental assessment and environmental information
Jacobs	Expertise on transport and highways matters
MOLA (Museum of London Archeology)	Heritage
Pinsent Masons	Planning specific legal services
TRL	Expertise on the impact of the scheme on road safety.

The Legacy Corporation have procured the services of Transport Research Laboratory (TRL) through a third party (Jacobs) specifically for the MSG planning application.

With the exception of TRL, the Consultants that have advised on this planning application have been contracted to provide advice to the Legacy Corporation on a number of planning applications and have not been employed exclusively to provide advice or guidance on the MSG Sphere planning application.

The Legacy Corporation publishes details in relation to all contracts over £5,000 on our website: <https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/our-story/the-legacy-corporation/good-governance/publication-scheme/contract-register>

All the budgets are estimated but at the time of this request the estimated budget and the actual paid to date for each of these consultants in relation to the provision of MSG related advice is:

Consultant	Budget (estimate)	Amount paid to date
Arup	Circa £140k	£75k
Jacobs	Circa £110k	£54k
MOLA	Minimal input, no specific budget was estimated. The contract ends at end of January 2020 and an alternative provider of heritage advice to the Legacy Corporation will be secured.	£0k
Pinsent Masons	Circa £100k	£10k
TRL	Circa £10k	£0k

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

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