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INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 20-021

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request, received on 23 July 2020. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR):

“Please supply

1 Any reports concerning the discharges which have occurred in the Olympic Park and East Village as listed in your last response.

2 Plans showing how the recent constructions/alterations at East Village and Chobham Manor and any other sites in the vicinity connect/dischARGE into the culvert and the two ponds. The plans provided, as far I could make out, seemed to relate to the period of Olympic construction.”

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation holds information relevant to your request, our response follows your order:

Q1. Any reports concerning the discharges which have occurred in the Olympic Park and East Village as listed in your last response (ref: 20-018)

With reference to your requests as above, please be advised that the Legacy Corporation are refusing your requests on the basis of EIR regulation 12(4)(b) manifestly unreasonable.

EIR regulation 12(4)(b) – manifestly unreasonable

12(4) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that—

(b) the request for information is manifestly unreasonable;

While there are no appropriate costs limit under the EIR, the exception at regulation 12(4)(b) of the EIR can apply if the cost or burden of dealing with a request is too great.

In assessing the cost or burden of dealing with a request, public authorities need to consider the proportionality of the costs involved and decide whether they are clearly or obviously unreasonable.

You have requested “*any reports concerning the discharges which have occurred in the Olympic Park and East Village*”. The Legacy Corporation do not hold formal reports concerning the discharges which have occurred in the Olympic Park and East Village. Any information in relation to these was reported within emails.

In order to find the information requested, searches were run on the Legacy Corporation email archive on the following terms: Henniker, wetlands, sewage discharge culvert and East Village. The searches identified nearly 200,000 emails.

All of the information resulting from these searches would need to be extracted and / or retrieved and then reviewed in order to try to identify if the information is relevant to your request.

The Legacy Corporation is not a large organisation and the time and resources taken to answer the questions as above would have a considerable impact on those resources.

The Legacy Corporation have considered the public interest in respect to their decision and appreciate that they also must balance public interest with the effective, efficient and economic use of the resources that they have responsibility for as a public authority. In this instance, the Legacy Corporation cannot justify the disproportionate burden this request would place on the Legacy Corporation’s limited resources or the impact it would have on delivery of its other responsibilities. While there is a presumption in favour of disclosure under EIR, responding to this request would place unreasonable demands on our resources and for this reason, the Legacy Corporation consider your request to be manifestly unreasonable under regulation 12(4)(b) of the EIR.

Q2. Plans showing how the recent constructions/alterations at East Village and Chobham Manor and any other sites in the vicinity connect/dischARGE into the culvert and the two ponds. The plans provided, as far I could make out, seemed to relate to the period of Olympic construction.”

The information provided in FOIA 20-018 are the most recent plans the Legacy Corporation hold.

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
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Wilmslow
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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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