



19 January 2021

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 20-037

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your information request, received on 28 December 2020. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

“This is my senior year and my graduation project is about designing a steel building and I choose the London Olympic stadium as it is one of the most impressive steel stadiums around the world. So, if it is possible can you send to me an architectural drawing with dimensions of the structure or anything else that can help me start designing as I searched the internet a lot but all I can find is the structure system without any dimensions.”

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation holds information which falls within the scope of your request, however, this information is being withheld under FOIA section 31(1)(a).

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.

In order to provide information on the dimensions of the London Olympic Stadium, detailed plans would need to be provided. This information is extremely sensitive and releasing this information into the public domain would prejudice the security of this venue.

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 prejudicial to the prevention of crime would severely risk the security of the London Olympic Stadium as releasing the detailed plans will reveal extremely sensitive information which would jeopardised the security of the Stadium if in the public domain.

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

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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Montfichet Road
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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

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