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12 March 2021

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 21-006

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request, received on 8 March 2021. 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 request the following information (if it is held by the LLDC).

Firstly, *does the LLDC have any document or policy/strategy(ies) related to providing heritage, or historical/archaeological interpretation in the QEOP and wider LLDC area related to the development of the Park and local history (i.e. this in the sense educational or tourism strategy, rather than in a planning policy context /conservation of listed heritage assets etc.)? If not, are there plans to introduce such a strategy in future?*

Secondly, *are there plans to further showcase the history of the Park’s construction and/or its industrial heritage and archaeological investigations through interpretative resources such as interpretation boards, formal and informal education programs, leaflets or guided tours – i.e. beyond those that were created for the Games themselves (e.g. the ‘History Trees’)?”*

There are a range of ways in which the heritage of Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park is interpreted across the estate, some of which are physically present within the landscape and others which are delivered in other ways.

Interpretation plaques are installed throughout the Park, particularly relating to the landscaping. There is also a series of brass plaques set into the pathways at key locations with details on the history of the area, the Games venues and biodiversity information. As you may know, there are a number of construction sites within the Park and where possible these include information panels about the history of the area and the Park. These will continue to be updated as the Park evolves.

We have free trails and guided routes within the Park that are promoted on our website, and also as printed leaflets that are usually available at our Information Point in the south of the Park. There is also an Art In The Park guide which outlines all of the works that were installed in the Park at Games time and this can be purchased from the Information Point. More information on these trails is available here:

www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/the-park/things-to-do/tours-and-trails

Our volunteer Park Champions run guided walking and cycling tours of the Park, and we hope to resume these when the current restrictions ease. Boat tours of the Park’s waterways

are expected to resume in the summer: www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/the-park/things-to-do/tours-and-trails/tours. These tours include information about the history of the area, the Games and the future plans for the Park.

For schools we have Key Stage documents available to download from our website and the Park has become an outdoor classroom for visiting school groups, particularly studying engineering and urban regeneration: www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/the-park/things-to-do/for-schools. There are also separate Key Stage documents available for the ArcelorMittal Orbit on the attraction's website: <https://arcelormittalorbit.com/school-groups/>

We are currently working on an audio tour of key areas of the Park with a local organisation, and we hope that this will launch this summer; this will look at some of the significant historical moments of the Park's pre-industrial and industrial history, pre-dating the Games.

There are also a number of books about the Park, including [The Making of Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park by John Hopkins and Peter Neal](#), and [Renewing the Past – Unearthing the History of the Olympic Park Site by Andrew Powell](#).

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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