

6 August 2021

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 21-007

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request, received on 15 March 2021. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR):

"We write to request information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and/or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

We are aware of the planning application submitted by Stratford Garden Development Limited for a multi-use entertainment venue on land to the west of Angel Lane, Stratford (application ref: 19/00097/FUL) and that the applicant is proposing a new entrance to Stratford Station from the eastern footway of Montfichet Road.

We are also aware that in a London First podcast on 20 January 2021, Lyn Garner, CEO of LLDC, confirmed that LLDC have commissioned work on the preparation of an outline business case for the redevelopment of the station which will be submitted to government in early 2022.

We request:

- (a) A copy of the brief for the preparation of the outline business case;*
- (b) Copies of all correspondence since 1 December 2020 regarding the design of the new entrance to Stratford station proposed by Stratford Garden Development Limited;*
- (c) Copies of all correspondence since 1 December 2020 regarding the approach to securing consent for the new entrance to Stratford station proposed by Stratford Garden Development Limited;*
- (d) Copies of all correspondence since 1 December 2020 regarding the timing of delivery of the new entrance to Stratford station proposed by Stratford Garden Development Limited; and*
- (e) Copies of all correspondence regarding both the outline business case and Stratford Garden Development Limited's proposal for a new entrance to Stratford station (i.e. pieces of correspondence that refer to the new entrance in the context of the outline business case).*

We use the term correspondence non-exhaustively to cover all types of record, report and communication held by the LLLDC, and expect all such documents to be disclosed in response to this request.”

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation holds information which falls within the scope of your request. Our response follows your order:

Q1. A copy of the brief for the preparation of the outline business case;

During the London First podcast on 20 January 2021, Lyn Garner stated that *“Of course, this is a long-term sort of 20-year project because we (Network Rail as owner of the Station, Transport for London as operator, London Borough of Newham as owner of surrounding land and the Legacy Corporation as enabler) intend to redevelop the station and put a Strategic Outline Business Case to government early in 2022 so we’re commissioning some work around that now.”*

At the time of the request the work had not yet been commissioned and the brief for the Strategic Outline Business Case (OBC) was still being drafted. Please note that since receiving this request Architect 5th Studio has been appointed to lead the urban design framework for the area within and around Stratford station.

Questions 2, 3 and 4 have been answered as a combined response.

Q2. Copies of all correspondence since 1 December 2020 regarding the design of the new entrance to Stratford station proposed by Stratford Garden Development Limited;

Q3. Copies of all correspondence since 1 December 2020 regarding the approach to securing consent for the new entrance to Stratford station proposed by Stratford Garden Development Limited;

Q4. Copies of all correspondence since 1 December 2020 regarding the timing of delivery of the new entrance to Stratford station proposed by Stratford Garden Development Limited; and

Searches were run on the Legacy Corporation email archive on the criteria of any emails sent or received between 1 December 2020 and 15 March 2021 and the terms “New entrance” and “Stratford Station”.

The search results were reviewed for any correspondence specifically in relation to the design, approach to securing consent and the timing of the delivery of the new entrance to Stratford Station proposed by Stratford Garden Development Limited. The information identified as relevant is attached in **Annex A**.

Please note that information has been redacted under the following regulations: regulations 12(4)(d) – unfinished documents; and regulation 13 – personal data.

EIR Reg 12(4)(d) – unfinished documents

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

(d) the request relates to material which is still in the course of completion, to unfinished documents or to incomplete data;

Information disclosed under EIR 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 and the purposes for which they could use the information.

The information withheld under this exception is currently in draft format only and has not yet been finalised. The Legacy Corporation has assessed the impact of releasing the information requested. There is, of course, a public interest in promoting transparency of accountability of public sector bodies, however, it is the view of the Legacy Corporation that, at this time, the public interest in withholding the information requested outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

EIR Reg 13 – personal data

(1) To the extent that the information requested includes personal data of which the applicant is not the data subject, a public authority must not disclose the personal data if—

(a) the first condition is satisfied, or

(b) the second or third condition is satisfied and, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in not disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

(2A) The first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under these Regulations— (a) would contravene any of the data protection principles

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 and the information is not already in the public domain. In this instance, the relevant condition that applies is Regulation 13(1)(a), whereby the information is defined as personal data within Section 3(2) of the Data Protection Act 2018.

The schedule attached in **Annex B** explains identifies what information is public, inserted or redacted under specific exemptions.

Please note:

- All the links are inactive. Where there is a relevant attachment, these have been inserted into the document bundle, however, where the same document has been attached multiple times it has only been inserted once.
- Any attachments with the file extension *.png have not been included at these are just QEOP logos, etc automatically linked to the email.
- Information included in a relevant document which is outside the remit of the request has been extracted and marked within the **Annex A** document bundle as “Extracted – not relevant to the request”.

Q5. Copies of all correspondence regarding both the outline business case and Stratford Garden Development Limited's proposal for a new entrance to Stratford station (i.e. pieces of correspondence that refer to the new entrance in the context of the outline business case).

Searches were run on the Legacy Corporation email archive on the criteria of any emails sent or received between 1 December 2020 and 15 March 2021 and the terms “outline business case”, “OBC”, “new entrance” and “Stratford Station”.

The search results were reviewed for any correspondence specifically in relation Stratford Garden Development Limited's proposal for a new entrance to Stratford Station (i.e. pieces of correspondence that refer to the [SGDL] new entrance in the context of the outline business case). The Legacy Corporation do not hold information in relation to the OBC and SGDL's proposal for a new entrance to Stratford Station.

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
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

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Website www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

FOI / EIR Co-ordinator
London Legacy Development Corporation