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## **INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 21-017**

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your information request, received on 14 June 2021. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR):

"Further to our request 1 June 2021 (ref:21-016) - and our own recent investigations - we will also require full disclosure of communications between the LLDC and Stace (https://www.stace.co.uk/) regarding the current construction - and completion - of Bridge H14 Monier Road. We request communications that specifically relate to the pending completion of the bridge - and with any specific regards to all mentions of Legacy House (formerly Carpenters Wharf), situated adjacent to Monier Road pedestrian area."

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation holds information which falls within the scope of your request, however, please be advised that the Legacy Corporation are refusing your request as it has been defined as manifestly unreasonable under the EIR regulation 12(4)(b). Further explanation for the refusal is provided below.

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 "full disclosure of communications between the LLDC and Stace (https://www.stace.co.uk/) regarding the current construction - and completion - of Bridge H14 Monier Road" and "communications that specifically relate to the pending completion of the bridge - and with any specific regards to all mentions of Legacy House (formerly Carpenters Wharf), situated adjacent to Monier Road pedestrian area."

In order to find the information requested, searches were undertaken across the Legacy Corporation email archive for emails sent or received between the Legacy Corporation and Stace and the following terms: bridge; completion; H14; Legacy House and Monier. The searches were also constrained to the last 24 months from the time of the receipt of the request in line with the criteria set in your request reference 21-016.

The searches resulted in 5,486 items amounting to over 4.7GB of information. All of the information resulting from these searches would need to be extracted and then individually reviewed in order to try to identify if the information is relevant to your requests.

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. However, the Legacy Corporation recognise that under EIR we also have a responsibility to provide advice or assistance where it will help the requestor with their request. While we cannot provide the information requested as explained above, you may want to consider reducing the time frame, or requesting a less broad, more specific term for the information you are requesting. This would be dealt with as a new request.

Whilst we are unable to meet your request due to the volume of data, we trust that the dialogue now taking place between yourselves and the Development and Park Operations Teams at the Legacy Corporation is proving fruitful in responding to and addressing your concerns.

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