



14 September 2022

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 22-028

Thank you for your information request, received on 16 August 2022. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

“Can you supply me the following under freedom of information legislation for either LLDC, London Stadium 185 or E20 Stadium LLP

- 1) The tender price for the new West Stand tender for the London Stadium was listed at £14.5m. What was the final contracted price? Who was it awarded to? and how long does the contract last?*
- 2) What consultation if any was completed with West Ham United? Where there meetings and an approval process?*
- 3) Did West Ham United contribute funding to the West Stand and if so how much?*
- 4) Were there any conditions set by West Ham United for their approval of the West Stand and if so what were they?*
- 5) Was there any consultation with West Ham or the London Stadium Safety advisory group over the addition of the new fan barrier between West Stand lower and Sir Trevor brooking lower (photo attached) If so, what form did this take?*
- 6) Was the new fan barrier installed in response to the UEFA troubles last season and was it a requirement by any football authority?*
- 7) Was netting considered instead of a solid barrier in the West Stand?*
- 8) What was the cost of the new West Stand barrier if priced separately and who funded this?”*

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation holds information which falls within the scope of your request. The information relevant to your request is below and our response follows your order:

Q1) The tender price for the new West Stand tender for the London Stadium was listed at £14.5m. What was the final contracted price? Who was it awarded to? and how long does the contract last?

The contract price is £15,513,441.00 over the length of the contract. This includes design, manufacture, first install and removal / install for 5 years. The contract was awarded to ES Global Limited. The contract lasts until 2027, with an option to extend to 2029.

Q2) What consultation if any was completed with West Ham United? Were there meetings and an approval process?

Consultations between E20 and WHU were held in regards to the overall West Stand reconfiguration project including the barrier.

The following documents were shared:

- Tender documents
- Tender returns
- Choice of materials
- Stage 3 and 4 design reports
- The west stand install period.

The club did not have approval as the procurement was conducted under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the contract is between E20 and ES Global, however, as key tenant and part funder of the West Stand the club had an integral part in development of the stand design.

Q3) Did West Ham United contribute funding to the West Stand and if so how much?

Yes, WHU contributed to the funding. In addition to an initial one-off capital contribution of £373,858, WHU pay £191,700 (indexed) per annum towards the annual seat transition costs and further capital contribution to specific costs for example, funding towards concession units, seating, design costs. A further sum of up to £400k for necessary and unavoidable works, yet to be finalised, is under discussion with the Club.

Q4) Were there any conditions set by West Ham United for their approval of the West Stand and if so what were they?

These conditions are contained within the Concession Agreement as subsequently varied by the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Deeds of Variation all of which are available on the Legacy Corporation website.

Q5) Was there any consultation with West Ham or the London Stadium Safety advisory group over the addition of the new fan barrier between West Stand lower and Sir Trevor brooking lower (photo attached) If so, what form did this take?

Yes, there was consultation with the Stadium Safety Advisory Group (SSAG) and WHU. The SSAG raised concerns around missile throwing and interactions between home and away fans in block 114/117, which became an immediate issue after the Europa match WHU v Rapid Wein on 25th November 2021.

During the design of the West Stand between February and April 2022, the Club's operations team were consulted on the nature of the barrier and proposed some alternative materials such as netting and perspex as used in other European Clubs, however, these were not viable.

Q6) Was the new fan barrier installed in response to the UEFA troubles last season and was it a requirement by any football authority?

While it was not a requirement of a football authority, previous fines and security incidents were a contributory factor considered by the licencing authority, alongside other measures required to approve the stand and increased capacity to 62,500.

The rationale for installing the barrier was:

- To address concerns raised by the licensing authority
- To address previous incidents of anti-social behaviour and disorder, including verbal abuse, missile / coin throwing, threatening gestures, and goading of away/ home supporters standing on the scrimmed surface previously in place
- To build on the partial success of a 2m barrier that reduced but did not eradicate incidents between away and home supporters
- To reduce the potential for sanction from UEFA/ Premier League and the FA
- To reduce the costs of stewarding in this area, and
- To form part of the overall design of the West Stand, adding a claret border to the stand similar in design to the north and south stands.

Q7) Was netting considered instead of a solid barrier in the West Stand?

Yes, netting was considered but was not considered suitable due to the configuration of the Stadium roof.

Q8) What was the cost of the new West Stand barrier if priced separately and who funded this?

The capital cost of the whole screen (floor to top) is £117,000. There is not a stand-alone specific cost for the top section of the screen, as it formed part of an overall contractor price.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request and wish to make a request for an internal review of our response, you should write to:

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Yours sincerely

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