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To: [Rosanna Lawes](#); [Colin Naish](#); [Janet Townsend](#); [Andrew Tesseyman](#)
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Subject: FOI Notification 23-026 Arnold Field materials
Date: 29 August 2023 13:52:57

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Hi Rachael

I do not hold this information and do not know who would. I presume it would be a question for the successor of the ODA.

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Mobile: s.40

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Attachments: [Question 2022-3148 - Launderers Lane - Waste from Olympic Site.docx](#)

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Priority Question Sign Off Sheet

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<p>Agreed by: Assistant Director and Senior Advisor</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>Ed Stearns, Director of Communications, LLDC</p>
<p>Cleared by: Deputy Mayor</p> <p>Date:</p>	

Question Number: 2022/3148 Launder Lane – Waste from Olympic Site

Can you please confirm where the waste from the Olympic site in Stratford was transported to and was any of it taken to Arnolds Field, in Launder Lane, Rainham Essex.

Keith Prince

Preparations for the world's most successful Olympic and Paralympic Games involved significant works to the Olympic Park site in Stratford.

The Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) oversaw the demolition of over 215 buildings alongside a number of walls, bridges and roads and extensive works to the landscape.

When the Enabling Works contracts for the Park remediation and demolition programme were awarded, a target was set for 90 per cent of waste materials to be re-used or recycled.

Ultimately, this target was exceeded, with the programme achieving a 98.5% re-use and recycling rate.

Those materials which could not be re-used or recycled were transferred to various landfill sites.

Information on specific storage locations was held by the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA), before transferring to the National Archives in the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) when the ODA was dissolved in March 2014.

While some limited ODA planning data is held by the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC), I understand that the majority of ODA information, including that on waste storage, is now ultimately held by national government.

Q: Are you concerned that recent fires in Rainham could be a result of toxic waste from the Olympic site?

- I sympathise with all those affected by the recent fires and the GLA will do all it can to support.
- However, we do not hold information on whether waste from the Olympic site is based there, with this data held by National Archives.
- I would expect, however, that the ODA followed a rigorous demolition and remediation process which took account of health, safety and sustainability.
- I am assured that London Fire Brigade and the Environment Agency continue to monitor the former landfill site at Arnolds Field and...

[LFB to review and provide more information]

Q: What is the current waste strategy on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park?

- Robust waste management strategies are in place for construction, events, venues and parklands.
- For construction, London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) is working to a target of zero municipal waste to landfill by 2025.
- In 2020/21, 99.93% of waste was diverted from landfill at Eastwick and Sweetwater and 98% at Chobham Manor.
- For future neighbourhoods, detailed remediation plans are in place to prepare the sites, and LLDC will work with local authorities to ensure future residents can be as sustainable as possible.
- In 2020/21, LLDC achieved a 92.7% recycling rate of non-hazardous operational waste.
- In the venues and on parklands, LLDC is committed to recycling or composting at least 70% of commercial waste, while working towards a target of zero parklands waste to landfill by 2030.
- For events, LLDC works closely with event operators to ensure zero events waste to landfill.

Background

- Initial works on the Olympic Park site involved the demolition of over 215 buildings alongside a number of walls, bridges and roads.
- A robust demolition methodology and process was developed which took account of health and safety, as well as sustainability.
- When the Enabling Works contracts for the Park remediation and demolition programme were awarded, a target was set for 90 per cent of waste materials to be re-used or recycled.
- Overall, the re-use and recycling rate achieved was 98.5 per cent - above the original target, and above industry good practice (95 per cent).
- Remaining waste materials were transferred from the Park to various landfill sites.
- Information on waste storage locations was held by the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA), the body responsible for ensuring the delivery of venues, infrastructure and legacy for the 2012 Games.
- When the ODA dissolved, some limited planning information transferred to London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) but the majority was transferred to the National Archives at the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS).
- DCMS are therefore the point of contact for information relating to specific waste storage sites.
- More information on Olympic site waste management can be found here:
<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20130228085945mip/http://learninglegacy.london2012.com/documents/pdfs/sustainability/15-demolition-waste-aw.pdf>

From: s.40
To: [Mark Robinson](#); s.40
Subject: RE: FOI Notification 23-026 Arnold Field materials
Date: 30 August 2023 09:28:01

Yeah, had a quick read of what s.40 sent over.

Seems like a proper mess (no pun intended). LFB can't remove the waste as they do not have responsibility for enforcement. LFB said last year (in response to Prince) that they needed to work more closely with Havering and Environment Agency to find a long-term solution. Seems like a fair old drain on LFB resource.

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Yes, that's what prompted the initial question. Didn't realise there had been more fires this summer as well.

The suggestion was that some of the material in the landfill behind the houses came from clearance of the Olympic Park site though DCMS now holds the records for that in the National Archive.

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Yeah, wonder if the FOI is also linked to fires they've had again over the last few months there.

My not be of use, but for background I've just seen this in the draft Mayor's report:

Visit to Launders Lane

On 3 August, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross met with Jon Cruddas MP's office, Keith Prince AM, and Havering Council to discuss the ongoing fires at Launders Lane and the impact on local residents as well as firefighter safety.

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Date: 08 September 2023 18:13:31

Hi Rachael

Can you reverse the order of these 2 paragraphs in green so it explains that the ODA held it, then goes on to say you did a search as well. Happy for it to go out then.

The Legacy Corporation is refusing this request under FOIA section 17(1) on the basis that it does not hold the information requested.

While some limited ODA planning data is held by the Legacy Corporation, the fileservers were searched using the terms Arnold and Launder and no records relevant to your request were identified.

The information requested was held by the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA), before transferring to the National Archives in the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) when the ODA was dissolved in March 2014.

Information on how to submit a Freedom of Information request to DCMS is on their website: [Department for Culture, Media and Sport](#)

Best wishes,

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** I am working flexibly, so you may receive emails at times that are outside of normal working hours. Please reply when it is convenient for you. **

From: foi <foi@londonlegacy.co.uk>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 12:06 PM
To: Rachel Massey <RachelMassey@londonlegacy.co.uk>
Subject: FW: FOI Notification 23-026 Arnold Field materials

Hi Rachel,

Please let me know if you approve the release of the attached.

Many thanks and have a good weekend.

Rachael

From: foi

Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 1:19 PM

To: Mark Robinson <MarkRobinson@londonlegacy.co.uk>; Rosanna Lawes <RosannaLawes@londonlegacy.co.uk>; Colin Naish <ColinNaish@londonlegacy.co.uk>; Janet Townsend <JanetTownsend@londonlegacy.co.uk>; Andrew Tesseyman <AndrewTesseyman@londonlegacy.co.uk>

Cc: Ed Stearns <EdStearns@londonlegacy.co.uk>

Subject: RE: FOI Notification 23-026 Arnold Field materials

Good afternoon,

Please find attached the draft response for any comments by cob 8 September.

Kind regards

Rachael

From: foi <foi@londonlegacy.co.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 1:37 PM

To: Mark Robinson <MarkRobinson@londonlegacy.co.uk>; Rosanna Lawes <RosannaLawes@londonlegacy.co.uk>; Colin Naish <ColinNaish@londonlegacy.co.uk>; Janet Townsend <JanetTownsend@londonlegacy.co.uk>; Andrew Tesseyman <AndrewTesseyman@londonlegacy.co.uk>

Cc: Ed Stearns <EdStearns@londonlegacy.co.uk>; Rachael Clauson <RachaelClauson@londonlegacy.co.uk>

Subject: RE: FOI Notification 23-026 Arnold Field materials

Many thanks Mark,

The GLA have received the same response. They're running searches (as will I) but the expectation is still that the information is held by DCMS who took the majority of the ODA information, or as referenced in the response for the Mayor, with TNA.

I'll circulate our response once the searches are run as well as the GLA's response once they're searches have finished, etc.

Rachael

From: Mark Robinson <MarkRobinson@londonlegacy.co.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 8:47 AM

To: foi <foi@londonlegacy.co.uk>; Rosanna Lawes <RosannaLawes@londonlegacy.co.uk>; Colin Naish <ColinNaish@londonlegacy.co.uk>; Janet Townsend <JanetTownsend@londonlegacy.co.uk>; Andrew Tesseyman <AndrewTesseyman@londonlegacy.co.uk>

Cc: Ed Stearns <EdStearns@londonlegacy.co.uk>

Subject: RE: FOI Notification 23-026 Arnold Field materials

Hello – Assembly Member Keith Prince asked a similar question last year. Attached is the response drafted for the Mayor.

Mark

From: foi <foi@londonlegacy.co.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 1:53 PM
To: Rosanna Lawes <RosannaLawes@londonlegacy.co.uk>; Colin Naish <ColinNaish@londonlegacy.co.uk>; Janet Townsend <JanetTownsend@londonlegacy.co.uk>; Andrew Tesseyman <AndrewTesseyman@londonlegacy.co.uk>
Cc: Ed Stearns <EdStearns@londonlegacy.co.uk>; Mark Robinson <MarkRobinson@londonlegacy.co.uk>
Subject: FOI Notification 23-026 Arnold Field materials

We have received the below information request:

Request: *Under FOI/EIR please provide any information held regarding whether any waste from the Olympic site in Stratford was transported to Arnolds Field, in Launders Lane, Rainham Essex.*

If so please provide as much information as possible.

This could include:

- What type of material was taken there (including the amounts of each type of material and any specific details rather than general terms)*
- Where it was from in Stratford*
- How much material*
- Between what dates*
- What company or organisation was responsible for this*

With best regards,

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Josh Mellor

Local Democracy Reporter - Waltham Forest, Redbridge, Havering

07534586502

Next actions required:

1. Please let me know as soon as possible if you **hold this information**, and if not, who you think does.
2. Please can you confirm immediately if **clarification is required** – with advice on the clarification required, where possible.
3. Please let me know how long you believe it would take to identify, retrieve and extract all of the information requested.

4. Please confirm who will be handling the response from your team.

5. Please let me have the **information requested as soon as possible**.

Request details

Response Deadline: 26 September 2023

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this request.

This Request Notification is an auditable document, which will be saved in the Request Folder as an Outlook item

Regards,

Rachael Clauson

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