

3 December 2025

**INTERNAL REVIEW - REFERENCE 25-004IR**

We refer to your email of 21 February 2025 where you requested an internal review under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) with regard to the response you received from London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) in relation to your information request reference as above.

The internal review is now complete, and the findings and recommendations of the internal review as follows:

**1. Background**

1.1. The original request (reference 25-004) was received on 24 January 2025 and requested that LLDC provide the following information under FOIA:

*As taken from <https://www.whufc.com/news/articles/2015/november/06-november/vice-chairmans-olympic-pledge> dated 06/11/2015:*

*“My message to the people of East London, and to the nation who hold this Stadium in their hearts is that I, my Board and my dedicated team are wholeheartedly committed to the promises we made in our bid, indeed we are already delivering against them, and I promise you that the best is yet to come.”*

*Please can I be provided with a copy of the bid document (and any and all attachments & appendices associated) that is referenced by Baroness Karren Brady within her remarks? For the avoidance of doubt, I am referring to West Ham United's bid to become an anchor Tenant at the London Stadium that resulted in the signing of the Concessionary Agreement dated 22/03/2013.*

1.2. A response was sent by LLDC to you on 21 February 2025 stating that LLDC holds information which falls within the scope of your request, however, it is unable to provide the information requested as LLDC considers your request to be exempt under Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Information provided in confidence).

1.3. Your subsequent email received on 21 February 2025 requested an internal review as follows:

*Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.  
I am writing to request an internal review of LLDC's handling of my FOI request.*

## **2. Review findings:**

- 2.1. The internal review panel has reviewed all the available evidence that is relevant to this request.
  - 2.2. The information requested was provided by West Ham United Football Club (WHUFC) as part of a competitive tender process. The Invitation to Tender document stated that *“Any information submitted by or on behalf of a Bidder in relation to the Competition and considered to be confidential or proprietary should be clearly marked as such.”*
  - 2.3. While LLDC is committed to openness and transparency, all WHUFC bid documentation was marked as confidential. Disclosure by LLDC would therefore constitute a breach of confidence actionable by WHUFC.
  - 2.4. Accordingly, the panel concurs that this information is considered exempt under Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Information provided in confidence) and should not therefore be disclosed.
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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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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