

Corporate Management
Our ref: MGLA100215-8839

Date: 9 March 2015

Dear [REDACTED]

Request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations

Thank you for your email of 10 February 2015 in relation to the request for information regarding the Mount Pleasant development site.

I write again today to ask if you can provide some more clarification as to some of the information covered by this request. The recent request provides a detailed list of the documents that are being requested, and includes the following description:

Please supply a list of all correspondence (emails, letters etc) from 1 January 2012 on the subject of Mount Pleasant containing the metadata: RMG, Royal Mail, DP9, M3C, IndigoPA and Thorncliffe

To provide this information would involve a large number of people conducting searches to capture everything covered by the broad nature of your request and we believe that the cost of doing this would exceed the threshold of £450 as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. As a result, we are refusing your request under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 allows a public authority to refuse a request if the cost of providing the information to the applicant would exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004:

- (1) This regulation has effect in any case in which a public authority proposes to estimate whether the cost of complying with a relevant request would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (2) A relevant request is any request to the extent that it is a request–

- (a) for unstructured personal data within the meaning of section 9A(1) of the 1998 Act (1), and to which section 7(1) of that Act would, apart from the appropriate limit, to any extent apply, or
- (b) information to which section 1(1) of the 2000 Act would, apart from the appropriate limit, to any extent apply.
- (3) In a case in which this regulation has effect, a public authority may, for the purpose of its estimate, take account only of the costs it reasonably expects to incur in relation to the request in–
 - (a) determining whether it holds the information,
 - (b) locating the information, or a document which may contain the information,
 - (c) retrieving the information, or a document which may contain the information, and
 - (d) extracting the information from a document containing it.
- (4) To the extent to which any of the costs which a public authority takes into account are attributable to the time which persons undertaking any of the activities mentioned in paragraph (3) on behalf of the authority are expected to spend on those activities, those costs are to be estimated at a rate of £25 per person per hour

For your reference we have released the following information which you may find of interest, please see links below

<http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/gla/governing-organisation/freedom-information/disclosure-log/mount-pleasant-site-3967>

<https://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/gla/governing-organisation/freedom-information/disclosure-log/mount-pleasant-0891>

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, ensuring that you quote the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Meena Shah

Information Governance Officer

If you are unhappy with the way the GLA has handled your request, you may complain using the complaints procedure, available at: <http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/gla/governing-organisation/freedom-information>.