

Our reference: MGLA281125-9391

28 January 2026

Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 28 November 2025. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You requested:

1. Information Enfield Council gave to the GLA

Please provide copies of any correspondence, meeting notes or documents that Enfield Council sent to the GLA between 1 July 2024 and 30 September 2025 relating to:

- potential New Town development in Enfield; or
- any land, sites or locations Enfield Council put forward for that purpose.

This includes:

- notes or records of any meetings (dates and names of attendees are sufficient),
- any attachments or supporting material Enfield Council provided.

To keep things simple, I do not need:

- internal GLA emails,
- diary invites or calendar entries,
- duplicates,
- routine admin emails (e.g. scheduling),
- or anything that Enfield Council did not actually give to you.

So, the search should only cover material originating from Enfield Council.

2. If Request 1 is considered too broad

If for any reason you feel Request 1 is too wide, please answer this one separately: Please provide a list of all meetings between the GLA and Enfield Council between 1 July 2024 and 30 September 2025 where potential New Town development or possible land in Enfield was discussed.

For each meeting, please provide:

- The date

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- Names or roles of attendees
- The title or subject of the meeting
- Any documents or slides Enfield Council brought or provided

Again, I'm not asking for internal GLA papers, handwritten notes, or anything commercially sensitive like valuations.

3. How the "884 hectares" figure was worked out

Please provide the method the GLA used (or was given) to calculate or identify the "884 hectares" of potential land in Enfield.

This can include:

- calculation sheets,
- scoping documents,
- notes explaining the approach,
- what data sources were used,
- any maps, diagrams or GIS material – draft versions are fine.

If there is no formal methodology, please confirm that and provide whatever working explanation exists.

I am not asking for the names of individual sites or parcels if you consider those sensitive, only the method used to reach the total figure.

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. For item 1 of your request, this falls under the exception to disclose because it is considered to be 'manifestly unreasonable' under Regulation 12(4)(b) of the Environmental Information Regulation (EIR). This provision allows public authorities to refuse requests which are obviously or clearly unreasonable or when the estimated cost of compliance is too great.

In reaching this decision we have considered the views of the Upper (Information Rights) Tribunal in 'Craven v IC & DECCC [2012] UKUT442 (AAC)' in respect of the EIR exception under regulation 12(4)(b), the formal guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office, along with Decision Notices regarding this EIR exception, such as FS50585926, amongst others, which all acknowledge that public authorities may use the fees regulations as the basis of considering the cost and time of complying with a request.

In this instance, we have decided this request falls within the parameters of regulation 12(4)(b) and is manifestly unreasonable because of the considerable amount of time that would be required to collate and review the information. A public authority can only withhold information if the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

We are mindful of the general public interest in transparency and accountability, and of the presumption in favour of disclosure and to read exceptions restrictively. Some of the information we have identified may engage one or more of the disclosure-exemption (exemption) provisions of the EIR. We would consequentially have to spend time reviewing each piece of information individually and consulting with multiple third parties to consider whether or not it would be exempt from disclosure. The time and resources required to review

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this information would be unreasonable given the potential for it to remain exempt information. On balance therefore, it is our view that the public interest in maintaining the exception in regulation 12(4)(b) outweighs the public interest in disclosure. I understand this response may cause frustration but it aims to ensure - as recognised in the guidance - that our responsibilities under the act do not distract from our other statutory functions as a public authority.

In line with your instructions to narrow the scope of your request, we have therefore considered parts 2 and 3 below:

2. Please see below table for list of meetings plus the additional information requested against each meeting. I have also indicated whether any additional documents are held against each meeting and whether these are attached:

Date of Meeting	Job Title of Attendees	Title/ Subject of Meeting	Documents or Slides provided by LBE
15.04.25	GLA - Lucinda Turner, Assistant Director Planning and Regeneration LBE - Chief Executive LBE - Exec Director Environment & Communities	Crews Hill	Exempt Regulation 12(5)(e)
28.04.25	GLA - Lucinda Turner, Assistant Director Planning and Regeneration GLA - Louise Duggan, Head of Regeneration & Growth Strategies LBE - Chief Executive LBE - Exec Director Environment & Communities	GLA/TfL NDA Review	Exempt Regulation 12(5)(e)
28.05.25	GLA - Sir Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London LBE - Leader of the Council	Mayor of London meeting with the Leader of Enfield Council	N/A
13.06.2025	GLA - Louise Duggan, Head of Regeneration & Growth Strategies TfL - London Plan and Planning Obligations Manager TfL - Principal City Planner TfL - Principal City Planner GLA - Head of London Plan Strategic Planning GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies	NT (GLA/LBE) Working Group	Exempt Regulation 12(5)(e)

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	<p>GLA - Team Leader, Strategic Planning</p> <p>LBE - Interim Exec Director Environment & Communities LBE - Head of Strategic Planning & Design LBE - Head of Planning and Building Control LBE - Journeys and Places Programme Director LBE - Head of Rural Transformation</p>		
19.06.2025	<p>GLA - Louise Duggan, Head of Regeneration & Growth Strategies GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p> <p>LBE - Interim Exec Director Environment & Communities</p>	LBE/ GLA NT Next Steps	N/A
27.06.2025	<p>GLA - Louise Duggan, Head of Regeneration & Growth Strategies GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p> <p>LBE - Interim Exec Director Environment & Communities LBE - Head of Planning and Building Control LBE - Journeys and Places Programme Director LBE - Head of Rural Transformation</p> <p>Prior + Partners</p>	GLA/LBE NT Workshop 1	Exempt Regulation 12(5)(e)
07.07.2025	<p>GLA - Louise Duggan, Head of Regeneration & Growth Strategies GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p> <p>LBE - Exec Director Environment & Communities LBE - Head of Strategic</p>	LBE/GLA: Working Group: Programme and Progress	Exempt Regulation 12(5)(e)

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	<p>Planning & Design</p> <p>Prior + Partners</p>		
09.07.2025	<p>GLA - Louise Duggan, Head of Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p> <p>GLA - Prashant Solanky, Head of Area - North East, Housing & Land</p> <p>GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p> <p>GLA - Senior Area Manager - North East, Housing & Land</p> <p>LBE - Principal Urban Designer</p> <p>Prior + Partners</p> <p>Berkeley Homes</p> <p>JTP</p> <p>Lichfields</p>	<p>Crews Hill NT: Berkeley/GLA/LBE Meeting</p>	N/A
10.07.2025	<p>GLA - Senior Manager Public Land, Housing & Land</p> <p>GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p> <p>GLA - Senior Area Manager - North East, Housing & Land</p> <p>LBE - Head of Strategic Planning & Design</p> <p>Aspinall Verdi</p> <p>Prior + Partners</p>	<p>Enfield NT Land Assembly Pre-Meet</p>	N/A
11.07.2025	<p>TfL - Head of Growth and Masterplanning</p> <p>GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p> <p>GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p> <p>TfL - Principal City Planner</p> <p>GLA - Principal Policy Officer, Transport</p> <p>LBE - Exec Director Environment & Communities</p> <p>LBE - Programme Director, Journeys and Places</p>	<p>LBE/ GLA NT Workshop: Transport & Infrastructure</p>	N/A

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	Aspinall Verdi Prior + Partners WSP		
16.07.2025	GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies LBE - Head of Strategic Planning & Design Prior + Partners	GLA/ LBE NT Programme Catch up	N/A
17.07.2025	GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies LBE - Director of Property Prior + Partners	Landowner Engagement Meetings	N/A
18.07.2025	GLA - Louise Duggan, Head of Regeneration & Growth Strategies GLA - Prashant Solanky, Head of Area - North East, Housing & Land GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies GLA - Senior Manager Public Land, Housing & Land GLA - Senior Area Manager - North East, Housing & Land LBE - Exec Director Environment and Communities Aspinall Verdi Prior + Partners	LBE/ GLA NT Workshop: Land Assembly and Phasing	Exempt Regulation 12(5)(e)
25.07.2025	GLA - Louise Duggan, Head of Regeneration & Growth Strategies GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies GLA - Senior Project Officer, Regeneration & Growth Strategies	GLA/ LBE: NT Delivery Vehicle/ Governance	Exempt Regulation 12(5)(e)

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	<p>LBE - Exec Director Environment and Communities LBE - Head of Strategic Planning & Design</p> <p>Aspinall Verdi Prior + Partners</p>		
29.07.2025	<p>GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p> <p>LBE - Head of Strategic Planning & Design</p> <p>Prior + Partners</p>	GLA/ LBE: NT Programme Catch Up	N/A
01.08.2025	<p>GLA - Louise Duggan, Head of Regeneration & Growth Strategies GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies TfL - Principal City Planner</p> <p>LBE - Exec Director Environment and Communities LBE - Head of Strategic Planning & Design</p> <p>Prior + Partners</p>	LBE/GLA:Workshop: CHCP Vision, Masterplan and Delivery	Exempt Regulation 12(5)(e)
06.08.2025	<p>GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p> <p>LBE - Head of Strategic Planning & Design</p> <p>Prior + Partners</p>	GLA/ LBE: NT Programme Catch Up	N/A
07.08.2025	<p>GLA - Louise Duggan, Head of Regeneration & Growth Strategies GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies GLA - Project Support Officer</p> <p>LBE - Exec Director Environment and Communities LBE - Head of Strategic Planning & Design</p>	CHCP NT Workshop - Vision, Masterplan and Delivery	Exempt Regulation 12(5)(e)

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	<p>LBE - Head of Planning and Building Control</p> <p>MHCLG - New Towns Lead, New Towns Unit</p> <p>MHLCCG - Head of Placemaking</p>		
08.08.2025	<p>GLA - Louise Duggan, Head of Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p> <p>GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p> <p>LBE - Exec Director Environment and Communities</p> <p>LBE - Head of Strategic Planning & Design</p> <p>Aspinall Verdi</p> <p>Prior + Partners</p>	CHCP - Delivery Pathways/ Vehicles	N/A
08.08.2025	<p>GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p> <p>GLA - Project Support Officer, Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p> <p>LBE - Head of Strategic Planning & Design</p> <p>Aspinall Verdi</p> <p>Prior + Partners</p>	CONFIDENTIAL AND LEGALLY PRIVILEGED: CHCP Delivery Plan	N/A
11.08.2025	<p>GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p> <p>LBE - Director of Property</p> <p>Prior + Partners</p> <p>Savills</p>	CONFIDENTIAL & LEGALLY PRIVILEGED: CHCP LBE Landowner Engagement	N/A
13.08.2025	<p>GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p> <p>LBE - Head of Strategic Planning & Design</p> <p>Prior + Partners</p>	GLA/ LBE: NT Programme Catch Up	N/A
20.08.2025	<p>GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p>	GLA/ LBE: NT Programme Catch Up	N/A

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	<p>GLA - Project Support Officer</p> <p>LBE - Head of Strategic Planning & Design</p> <p>Aspinall Verdi Prior + Partners</p>		
27.08.2025	<p>GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p> <p>LBE - Exec Director Environment and Communities LBE - Head of Strategic Planning & Design</p>	<p>CONFIDENTIAL & LEGALLY PRIVILEGED: CHCP NT Dev Co Next Steps</p>	N/A
29.08.2025	<p>GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies TfL - Principal City Planner, Growth & Masterplanning GLA - Project Support Officer</p> <p>LBE - Exec Director Environment and Communities LBE - Head of Strategic Planning & Design</p> <p>Aspinall Verdi Prior + Partners</p>	<p>CONFIDENTIAL & LEGALLY PRIVILEGED: CHCP NT - Comms & Delivery Plan</p>	N/A
01.09.2025	<p>GLA - Jules Pipe, Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Fire Service</p> <p>LBE - Leader of the Council</p>	<p>Enfield/GLA New Towns discussion</p>	N/A
02.09.2025	<p>GLA - Louise Duggan, Head of Regeneration & Growth Strategies GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p> <p>LBE - Exec Director Environment and Communities LBE - Head of Strategic Planning & Design</p>	<p>GLA/ LBE Dev Co</p>	N/A
03.09.2025	<p>GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies</p> <p>LBE - Head of Strategic Planning & Design</p>	<p>GLA/ LBE: NT Programme Catch Up</p>	N/A

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12.09.2026	GLA - Louise Duggan, Head of Regeneration & Growth Strategies LBE - Exec Director Environment and Communities LBE - Head of Strategic Planning & Design	GLA/LBE NT Follow up	N/A
19.09.2025	GLA - Louise Duggan, Head of Regeneration & Growth Strategies GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies LBE - Exec Director Environment and Communities LBE - Head of Strategic Planning & Design	GLA/LBE NT Collab	N/A
26.09.2025	GLA - Louise Duggan, Head of Regeneration & Growth Strategies GLA - Area Manager, Regeneration & Growth Strategies LBE - Exec Director Environment and Communities LBE - Head of Strategic Planning & Design	GLA/LBE NT Collab	N/A

We consider that the information contained in the requested slide packs falls under the exception in Regulation (5)(e) (confidentiality of commercial or industrial information) and 12 (5)(f) (interests of the person who provided the information to the public authority).

Applying the four-stage test from *Bristol City Council v Information Commissioner and Portland and Brunswick Squares Association (EA/2010/0012, 24 May 2010)*:

The information is commercial or industrial in nature:

The redacted information broadly relates to the following categories of information:

- Site locations and boundaries
- Budget and cost estimates
- Estimated delivery, modelling and option appraisal.

The information can therefore be considered as commercial or industrial in nature.

Confidentiality is provided by law.

The information is covered by the common law obligation of confidentiality, the information is not trivial in nature, nor is it in the public domain. LB Enfield and its consultants have provided the information to the GLA in the expectation and understanding that they would be held in confidence in order for us to provide programme-level delivery assurances to the New Towns Taskforce, and to support the Government and Homes England in determining how best to plan, fund and deliver New Towns in London ahead of any formal decision being taken on New Town designation. The redacted Information is therefore to be protected by confidentiality provided by law.

The confidentiality is protecting a legitimate economic interest.

The information about the sites and their locations are commercial in nature and have been provided in confidence as we work with landowners in locations across London as part of MHCLG's New Towns programme, with the intention of exploring the viability and deliverability of the potential locations in more detail.

Similarly, information relating to budget and cost estimates, delivery and modelling etc is market sensitive information and disclosure at this early stage could have a prejudicial effect on negotiations that are still to take place with stakeholders, regarding land, funding, viability and infrastructure.

The information requested pertains to potential and/ or anticipated future development locations, the key attributes of these sites, and in some instances the nature of the submitters' proposal for development. The information is not trivial, nor in the public domain and was provided to the GLA on a confidential basis and therefore protected by the common law of confidence.

Disclosure of this information would prejudice the ability of the GLA and London Borough Councils to achieve best value for money with respect to future housing development. The site locations were provided on the expectation that they would be held in confidence so that the GLA could make assessment of them in terms of suitability for development to support the Government's New Towns Taskforce investigation and report.

The confidentiality would be adversely affected by disclosure.

Disclosure of the information would inevitably harm the confidential nature of it and therefore the exemption at Regulation 12(5)(e) is engaged in respect of disclosure of the redacted information.

The disclosure of sites which are at an early stage of promotion through the plan-making process may harm the ability of those with an interest in the land to bring them forward for development. In applying this exception, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosing the information.

We recognise the public interest in transparency regarding potential regeneration and development plans. However, further details about the potential Enfield New Town will only be shared once the proposals are more advanced and subject to the Government confirming the

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location as one of the designated New Town sites. We consider that it is not in the public interest for the GLA to release information that would prejudice the ability of public authorities aiming to achieve value for money in bringing forward sites for future development by introducing speculation and driving up land values which in turn affects their ability to deliver affordable housing. We consider that the best interests of the people and communities of London – are best served by ensuring that the GLA is able to achieve value-for-money. Disclosure by the GLA would be likely to have a detrimental effect on the delivery of housing in London and prejudicing future negotiating capabilities.

The Government are currently undertaking a Strategic Environmental Assessment to understand the environmental implications of New Town development in the shortlisted locations. This assessment will support the Government's final decisions on precisely which locations across England will be taken forward as New Towns. We are unable to release any information that will prejudice the outcome of that assessment and any associated decision making process.

Regulation 12(5)(f) applies when disclosure would adversely affect the interests of someone who supplied the information. The information was provided to the GLA as a consultee to provide programme-level delivery assurances to the New Towns Taskforce, and were not under any legal duty to provide it. In this instance, the communications involve discussions between the GLA and LBE for the purpose of early discussions around how best to create new and expanded places, boost economic growth and supply new homes under the MHCLG's New Towns programme.

It is not necessary for the GLA to demonstrate where disclosure might have a particular adverse effect in order to engage the exceptions, but any adverse effects of disclosure may be relevant in the public interest considerations which the GLA is required to balance in order to decide whether the information should be withheld.

The above Regulations constitute as qualified exemptions from our duty to disclose information under the EIR, and consideration must be given as to whether the public interest favouring disclosure of the information covered by this exemption outweighs the public interest considerations favouring maintaining the exemption and withholding the information.

Effective decision making should be informed by engaging with the public and key stakeholders; however, this engagement needs to be structured to be effective. Release of this information at this time would divert attention and resources away from the task at hand and towards responding to external questions whilst discussions are still ongoing. This in turn would also be likely to have an adverse effect on the GLA's ability to engage in free-flowing and candour of views in the future as it is likely that officials would become reluctant to explore all options.

The GLA acknowledges that there is a public interest in transparency in relation to planning and development matters, and disclosure would enable the local community to understand more fully the decision-making process.

However, the public interest is best served by ensuring that public authorities continue to debate robustly and comprehensively, considering all options and their potential impacts, for the best possible decisions to be taken.

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3 - How the "884 hectares" figure was worked out Please provide the method the GLA used (or was given) to calculate or identify the "884 hectares" of potential land in Enfield.

The 884ha figure is an indicative study area, not adopted policy area or allocation. It refers to a broad area of search that was informed by a series of maps and land referencing information.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA281125-9391

Yours sincerely

Information Governance Officer

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>