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Our Ref: MGLA250418-0462

15 May 2018

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: 'The Mall' in Walthamstow Town Centre

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 16 April 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You asked for:

...all information relevant to the proposed development application.

Please find attached the information we have identified as being within the scope of your request. Please note that some of the content is being withheld as it falls under the exception in Regulation 12 (5)(e) (confidentiality of commercial or industrial information) of the EIR.

The purpose of this exception is to protect any legitimate economic interests underlying commercial confidentiality. Disclosure of this information would prejudice the ability of Capital & Regional's (C&R's - the applicant's) negotiations with, for example, future residential partners and retail tenants because they would be able to identify detailed financials and key commercial terms. Maintaining the confidentiality of this information is therefore required to protect the legitimate economic interests of C&R because disclosure would be likely to harm their bargaining position in negotiations and therefore be likely to lead to an adverse financial impact on C&R.

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 acknowledge that there is a public interest in transparency in relation to how the public sector negotiates planning permissions with large private sector organisations. Disclosure of this information would help enable the public to understand such decision making.

Providing detailed information held by public authorities is in keeping with the Government's transparency agenda and promotes accountability and greater public participation. Furthermore, the public interest is served by the GLA being transparent and open to scrutiny to increase diligence and working to protect the public purse.

However, on balance, we consider that it is not in the public interest for the GLA in this case to release information that would prejudice the commercial interests of C&R, as summarised above.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA250418-0462.

Yours sincerely

Paul Robinson
Information Governance Officer

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