

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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Our Ref: MGLA140818-0394

8 October 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 14 August 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for the full Sporting Facility Assessment National Sports Centre, Crystal Palace report written by Neil Allen Associates. Please find attached a copy of the report.

Some content has been redacted and is being withheld under section 43 (2) (Commercial interests) of the FOIA. Section 43(2) provides that information can be withheld from release if its release would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person, including those of the GLA.

A commercial interest relates to a person's ability to participate competitively in a commercial activity and in this instance, the information is commercially sensitive, and is being requested at a time when the GLA will be retendering this contract. It is likely that placing this information into the public domain would undermine the ability of the provider to achieve best value in tendering for future contracts because it would give competitors in that market undue advantage if they had detailed operating revenue details.

Section 43(2) constitutes a qualified exemption from our duty to disclose information under the FOIA and consideration has to 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. In this instance we uphold that it would not be in the public interest to release information that would be likely to harm the existing and future commercial interests of the current operator and have a bearing on the likely response to any future contract tendering by distorting the competition in the market.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA140818-0394

Yours sincerely

Paul Robinson
Information Governance Officer

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