

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA141217-7712

8 February 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 14 December 2017. Your request has been dealt with under the Environment Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You asked for;

1. *A list of all the documents received by the Mayor of London from Waltham Forest London Borough Council (LBWF) in relation to the aforementioned subject matter*
2. *The records of all discussions, documents, reports and decisions including delegated decisions held by the Greater London Authority (GLA) and its agents, other than those itemised under request 1 herein, relating to the GLA's letter and planning report dated 06.11.17 including records of all discussion with and between elected members of the GLA and LBWF.*

Please find attached the information we have identified as being within the scope of your request. Please note that a small amount of information 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 - the applicant) negotiations with future residential partners and retail tenants because they would be able to identify detailed financials and key commercial terms. The confidentiality of this information is therefore required to protect the legitimate economic interests of the C&R because disclosure would be likely to harm their bargaining position in negotiations and be likely to lead to impacts on the C&R share price.

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 the public sector negotiates planning permissions with large private sector organisations. Disclosure of this information would help enable the public to understand the decision making 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 to release information that would prejudice the commercial interests of C&R. This is particularly important where they are required to achieve value for money in ongoing commercial endeavours within a difficult and competitive economic environment.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA061117-3436

Yours sincerely

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