## **GREATER**LONDONAUTHORITY

(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA210318-7149

27 April 2018

Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 21 March 2018. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. The details (dates, locations, attendees, minutes if possible) of any meetings between Mayor of London Sadiq Khan and employees/directors of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club since Khan came into office.

In line with our publication scheme, the Mayor's <u>diary</u> is published on our website twice a year. The GLA has already published the Mayor's diary covering the period May 2016 to October 2017. The next publication of the diary will include dates from November 2017 to April 2018.

The Mayor's key engagements are also published in the <u>Mayor's report</u> which forms part the meeting papers at each Mayor's Question Time.

2. Any correspondence (by email or letters) between the Mayor of London and employees/directors of Tottenham since Khan came into office.

Please find attached the information we have identified as being within the scope of your request. Some of the information within scope of your request is being withheld as it falls under section 43 (2) of the Act;

- a) letter from Daniel Levy to the Mayor dated 10 November 2016.
- b) letter from the Mayor to Daniel Levy dated 20 December 2016.

Section 43(2) of the Act provides that information can be withheld from release if its release would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person; In this instance the interests of THFC.

The letter from Daniel Levy to the Mayor dated 10 November 2016 was marked *"commercially sensitive"* and its content (along with those of the associated response from the Mayor dated 20 December 2016) remains so to this day.

Section 43 (2) is a qualified exemption. The Act provides that a public authority must weigh the public interest in maintaining the exemption against the public interest in disclosure. It is considered that disclosure would provide transparency of discussions relating to the regeneration of the North Tottenham area.

However, release of the information contained within the two letters would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of THFC because the Club is still engaged with financial institutions in relation to matters concerning the funding of the new Stadium and the regeneration of the North Tottenham area and disclosure would likely to be prejudicial to these discussions. On that basis we conclude that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure at this time.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA210318-7149.

Yours sincerely

## Paul Robinson Information Governance Officer

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