

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA160518-2281

19 June 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

## **Freedom of Information request: Chrisp Street Market, Poplar**

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

*“the applicant’s Financial Viability Assessment (FVA) and all reviews by/for Tower Hamlets and the GLA for the proposal to redevelop Chrisp Street Market”.*

The information you have requested has been published by London Borough Tower Hamlets and is available on their website<sup>1</sup> and attached is the GLA review of the proposal. Please note that some of the information contained within the review has been withheld from disclosure. We have redacted a small amount of personal data in accordance with the provision under regulation 13(1) of the EIR. Some further content is covered by the exceptions to our duty to disclose, found under regulation 12(5)(e) of the EIR.

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 compensation assessment figures are confidential and commercially sensitive. Release of this information would prejudice the applicants position when negotiating opposite third party landowners for either the acquisition of their land or the settlement of their compensation claim.
- Confidentiality is provided by law; The information is not trivial in nature, nor is it already in the public domain and therefore has the necessary quality of confidence about it for this exception to be engaged.
- The confidentiality is protecting a legitimate economic interest. The confidentiality is protecting a legitimate economic interest in ensuring that third parties do not gain access to

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<sup>1</sup> [https://development.towerhamlets.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=DCAPR\\_118254](https://development.towerhamlets.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=DCAPR_118254)

commercially valuable information and protecting a commercial bargaining position in the context of existing or future negotiations.

- The confidentiality would be adversely affected by disclosure. Disclosure of the information would inevitably harm the confidential nature of it.

Regulation 12(5)(e) constitutes a qualified exemption from our duty to disclose information under the EIR, 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.

The GLA acknowledges that there is a public interest in the activities being undertaken with regards to the development of Christ's Church Market and a specific public interest in the transparency of the GLA's achievement in delivering Mayoral commitments. However, only a small amount of information is being withheld which would not be in the public interest to disclose and prejudice the negotiating position of the applicant.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA160518-2281.

Yours sincerely

**Paul Robinson**  
**Information Governance Officer**

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