

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA190617-6587

3 August 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 16 June 2017. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for:

...copies of all emails sent and received by David Bellamy between 10am on June 14 and the time of this email which relate to the Grenfell Tower fire. Please include copies of all attachments.

Please find attached some of the requested information. As you are probably aware, the Prime Minister has ordered a Public Inquiry into the incident and there are active investigations being carried out by the Metropolitan Police and by the London Fire Brigade. Regrettably, whilst the terms of reference for the Public Inquiry are still unknown and the investigations are still underway, we consider that to release some of the information we hold in connection to the fire is exempt, for now, from the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Section 31 of the FOIA says that information is exempt information if its disclosure under the Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice; (a) the prevention or detection of crime, (b) the apprehension or prosecution of offenders, or (c) the administration of justice.

We do appreciate the public's interest in this incident and the need for transparency about what has happened, but at this time that need is best met if the Police and the Inquiry can conduct their work without the information we hold being compromised

Please also note that due to the nature of the incident, the majority of communications that took place during the timeframe you have specified would have been through high level meetings and telephone calls and therefore do not exist as recorded information for the purpose of the Act (nor fall within the criteria of your request).

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Paul Robinson
Information Governance Officer

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Paul Robinson

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 June 2017 11:59
To: David Bellamy; Emma Strain; Shirley Rodrigues; James Murray; Nick Bowes
Subject: Government datasets to identify cladded/ insulated homes

Dear all,

Please find below an update on potential government datasets containing information on where solid wall insulation/ cladding may be held which will enable the identification of materials and installations similar to that on Grenfell.

- **Ofgem data on Community Energy Saving Programme (CESP) and Energy Company Obligation (ECO) database:** This dataset will include information on the location of homes that have received external solid wall insulation measures funded by government energy efficiency schemes – predominantly CESP and ECO from the period 2009 onwards, when government began to fund these types of measures under energy efficiency schemes. It is unlikely that these datasets hold granular information on the exact materials/type of external wall insulation/cladding, but will produce a long list that can/ should be shared with local authorities. Most insulation will have been placed on social housing (or mixed tenure blocks of flats), but there may also be owner occupier and private rented properties. These datasets are held by Ofgem. BEIS are the link department.
- **Ofgem Green Deal datasets:** A handful of houses (mainly owner occupier) may have received external solid wall insulation under the Green Deal in London. Again only location data will be available. BEIS is the link department.

Please note that ECO can also be used for heating systems, and we understand ECO WAS used to fund the communal heating system that served the Grenfell tower.

Other datasets being explored

- **Guarantee agencies (notably SWIGA – the Solid Wall Insulation Guarantee Agency):** established to provide householders and landlords with an independent, uniform and dependable guarantee covering professionally installed External, Internal or Hybrid (where both are used on the same property) solid wall insulation solutions.
- **Local Authorities, Building Control and Major Works departments** may have datasets: However in recent years approvals have been gained through Building Control Bodies (private companies).

The environment team have advised that obtaining data on where similar materials have been used it is going to be very difficult and time-consuming. There is consensus that this investigation has to happen by directly asking every housing provider in London what measures have been undertaken, what products were used, and when.

Let me know if you need anything else,

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Paul Robinson

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 June 2017 11:30
To: Gold Cell; Gold Support
Cc: Fiona Twycross; [REDACTED]
Subject: LFB Croydon Training Centre

Importance: High

Please see below the timeline for the LFB Training Centre, Croydon – which was an action from the Gold Group this morning.

Best wishes

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Subject: FW: Croydon Training Centre + other things

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I refer to your email below to Sue Budden.

With regard to the your first question highlight in yellow, LFB is currently drafting a report on the LFB Training Centre Croydon which is on the agenda of the Corporate Management Board (CMB) meeting due to take place on 21 June before being considered by the Resources Committee on 21 July 2017.

The current key dates for the project programme are set out below:

Item	Target Timescale
Design Work on Preferred Option Starts	August 2017
Planning Application Submitted	Early 2018
Vacant Possession (PEG/Babcock vacate site)	April 2018

Intrusive Investigations Start on Vacant Site (e.g. Asbestos surveys and Archaeological trial pits)	Spring 2018
Planning Decision Received	Spring 2018
Building Contract Signed	Summer 2018
Construction Starts	Autumn 2018
Construction Finish	Autumn 2019
Training Starts	From October 2019

Please note that as the report, including the timescale, is yet to be considered by CMB and Resources Committee, the dates should be considered as tentative at this stage.

If you need any more information, please let me know.

Kind regards.

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From: [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk
Sent: 15 June 2017 09:53
To: BUDDEN, SUE (Director of Finance and Contractual Services)
Subject: Croydon Training Centre + other things
Importance: High

Hi Sue

I've just called and to try and have a quick word about a couple of things we need by midday.

- A timeline/information on where we are with the Croydon Training Centre – this doesn't need to be very long just an update.
- Fiona's getting in touch with Dan Daly about the fire safety work that is going on now – she is going to copy you into an email but we will need this done by midday.

I'm on my mobile [REDACTED] if you need to speak to me.

Thank you.



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Paul Robinson

From: Patrick Hennessy
Sent: 14 June 2017 17:22
To: Nick Bowes; Gold Cell
Subject: RE: energy efficiency

Indeed

From: Nick Bowes
Sent: 14 June 2017 17:17
To: Gold Cell
Subject: FW: energy efficiency

Reassuring

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 June 2017 16:53
To: Nick Bowes
Cc: Shirley Rodrigues
Subject: RE: energy efficiency

Hi Nick,

The total budget for RE:NEW has been £20.57 million since it started in 2009, but only £3.18 million over the past 3 years (the start of the 14/15 financial year).

RE:NEW has retrofitted 133,000 homes (across tenures) since inception. However, only 16 medium rise blocks (between 2-6 floors) have received solid wall insulation through the programme (in Greenwich) and no tower blocks.

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From: Nick Bowes
Sent: 14 June 2017 15:08
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: energy efficiency

Thanks [REDACTED] What is the total budget for RE:NEW over recent years? I am guessing it isn't large amounts nor does it support more than a tiny fraction of social housing stock?

Paul Robinson

From:
Sent:

Emma Strain
14 June 2017 11:16

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Paul Robinson

From: David Bellamy
Sent: 14 June 2017 08:31
To: Fiona Twycross; James Murray; Joanne McCartney; Jules Pipe; Justine Simons; Matthew Ryder; Rajesh Agrawal; Shirley Rodrigues; Sophie Linden; Valerie Shawcross
Subject: North Kensington fire

Hi,

You will be aware of the awful fire in North Kensington overnight.

LFB has 70 appliances and 350 firefighters in attendance. This is the largest residential fire in London for many decades and sadly there will be fatalities (we are not able to confirm numbers at this stage).

A comms hold is in place. Sadiq will do media shortly and is likely to go to the scene later this morning. It's important that we don't speculate as to the cause at this stage.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or thoughts.

Thanks,
David.

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