

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA110620-4380

25 June 2020

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 11 June 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

You asked for:

*Please accept this email as a Freedom of Information Request under all the applicable legislation in relation to planning. In particular, the determination of the Convoy's Wharf, Deptford, London, SE8 [The GLA reference is D&P 0051c]*

*This was determined by the Mayor of London in 2014 in a public hearing and details of the meeting and papers are here:*

<https://www.london.gov.uk/WHAT-WE-DO/PLANNING/PLANNING-APPLICATIONS-AND-DECISIONS/public-hearings/convoys-wharf-public-hearing>

*I would like a copy of the letter(s) from Sir Steve Bullock to the Mayor of London and the reply(ies) in relation to this hearing and application. This may include correspondence before and after the hearing.*

Our response to your request is as follows:

Please find attached the information the GLA holds within scope of your request.

Please note that names of junior members of staff are exempt from disclosure under s.40 (Personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act. This information could potentially identify specific employees and as such constitutes as personal data which is defined by Article 4(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to mean any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual. It is considered that disclosure of this information would contravene the first data protection principle under Article 5(1) of GDPR which states that Personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject.

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

Yours sincerely

**[REDACTED]**

**Information Governance Officer**

If you are unhappy with the way the GLA has handled your request, you may complain using the GLA's FOI complaints and internal review procedure, available at:

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



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24 January 2014

Dear Boris,

**Re: Convoys Wharf Planning Decision**

Lewisham Council's Strategic Planning Committee met on 16 January to discuss our formal submission to you as a statutory consultee on the Convoys Wharf Planning application. Whilst the Committee supported the principle of mixed use development of the site it did not consider that it should be approved in its current form and suggested that you seek a number of amendments which would ensure that the local community benefits from the development.

I fully agree with the Committee's recommendations and I would like to request a meeting with you, in person, to outline our concerns in more detail.

The development of Convoys Wharf is an extremely important project for the Borough. It will create up to 3,500 new homes, provide additional retail and business space, as well as creating thousands of jobs. But I am concerned that the current proposals do not have proper regard to the needs of the local community.

There is a desperate need for more genuinely affordable housing in Lewisham and I urge you to ensure that the number of affordable homes are maximised before you make any decision. There are also a range of community infrastructure projects which we have identified which are directly attributable to the impact of the new development. These include: the need for a new primary school, GP facilities, funding for additional secondary school capacity, jobs and training for local people and open space. The current application does not adequately address these issues.

I am also concerned that the application does not reflect the historical significance of the site. You will know that the Deptford Royal Dockyard was founded by Henry VIII, was the place where Sir Frances Drake was knighted by Elizabeth I, and was the location of Charles II great ship building programme. The site housed John Evelyn at Sayes Court and his magnificent gardens, which, centuries later, inspired the establishment of the National Trust.

It is for this reason that I am sympathetic to proposals which would include an expanded Sayes Court Garden and the Build the Lennox project. The approach to Sayes Court fails to provide a meaningful green link between the site of the Gardens with the remains of Sayes Court House. The opportunity to link these two historically significant spaces should be fully explored. The Lennox project's preferred building

location is either within the Double Dry Dock or Olympia Warehouse. These options need to be explored further with the developer, as does the future use of the Olympia Warehouse and an agreement reached on the deliverability of the double dry dock or Olympia Warehouse as options for constructing the Lenox.

Ed Vaizey MP, Minister for Culture, Media and Sport, informed Dame Joan Ruddock MP in the House of Parliament that English Heritage is in the process of developing an archaeological report of the site. He informed her that this is due to report in February, and I would urge you to fully consider the view of English Heritage before any decision is made.

There are a number of other important issues raised by the Council's Strategic Planning committee regarding transport links, the impact of construction and the scale and massing of the development. I hope you will take these into proper consideration and look forward to discussing these issues with you in more detail.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Bullock', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sir Steve Bullock  
Mayor of Lewisham

# MAYOR OF LONDON

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**Our ref:** MGLA240114-7432

**Date:** 30 JAN 2014

Dear Sir Steve

**Re: Convoys Wharf planning application**

Thank you for your letter of 24 January endorsing the recommendations of Lewisham Council's Strategic Planning Committee following its meeting on the Convoys Wharf planning application on 16 January 2014.

I will fully consider the representations that Lewisham Council has made (along with all other representations received on the application) before coming to a decision on the case. I will also have due regard to the views of English Heritage, and any decisions made by Ed Vaizey MP (Minister for Culture, Media and Sport) with respect to the statutory protection of heritage assets at the site.

You should know that I am mindful of the historic importance of this site, and that I am committed to securing local benefits for the borough of Lewisham, as well as wider benefits for London as a whole. To this end I have instructed my GLA officers to work closely with Lewisham Council as part of the planning negotiation process - to ensure that local priorities are appropriately considered and addressed as part of the determination of this application. As you may be aware, GLA officers are currently engaged in a programme of weekly meetings with the applicant and Lewisham Council, as well as various dedicated sessions with statutory consultees and local interest groups - including those associated with Sayes Court Garden and the Lenox project. Planning negotiations are currently ongoing, and, depending on the outcome of these, revised plans may be submitted.

In due course I will hold a public Representation Hearing, where I will consider the GLA's planning recommendation, and hear directly from those in the community who have made comments on the application (both in support and in objection). The applicant and Lewisham Council will also be given an opportunity to make verbal representations at the hearing. Only once I have fully considered all of the material planning issues on the case, will I come to a decision on whether or not to grant permission.

## MAYOR OF LONDON

I note from your letter that you are keen to discuss the representations that Lewisham Council is providing in more detail. Having had regard to the GLA Planning Code of Conduct, my officers have advised me that I must exercise caution in order not to inadvertently risk prejudicing my decision making role on the application. Therefore, I believe the most appropriate arrangement would be for you to meet with Sir Edward Lister, my Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor for Planning.

If this is something that you are keen to do, please contact his Executive PA, [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours ever,



**Boris Johnson**  
Mayor of London

Cc: Sir Edward Lister