

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

[REDACTED]  
(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA030720-6622

23 July 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 2 July 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

You asked for:

- 1. During the aforementioned period did Richard Desmond the founder and owner of the company Northern & Shell correspond and communicate with Boris Johnson. I am interested in all correspondence and communication irrespective of the subject matter. This correspondence and communications will include but will not be limited to correspondence and communications about Mr Desmond's then business interests which included Northern & Shell, Channel 5, as well as several national newspapers and various magazines. The correspondence and communication will also include but will not be limited to Mr Desmond's operation of the Health Service Lottery and his interest in other lotteries including the National Lottery. It will also include but will not be limited to any planning applications or planning developments being spearheaded by Mr Desmond and or any of his companies.*
- 2. If the answer to question one is yes can you please provide copies of this correspondence and communication.*
- 3. During the aforementioned period did Boris Johnson, the Mayor of London write to or communicate in writing with Richard Desmond, the founder and owner of the company Northern & Shell. I am interested in all correspondence and communication irrespective of the subject matter. Please see the reference to possible topics of correspondence and communications in question one.*
- 4. If the answer to question three is yes can you please provide copies of this correspondence and communication.*
- 5. If any relevant correspondence and communication has been destroyed can you please provide the following details. In the case of each piece of destroyed correspondence and communication can you identify the author (s), the recipient (s) and the date generated. In the case of each piece of destroyed correspondence and communication can you provide a brief outline of its contents. In the case of each piece of destroyed correspondence and communication can you state when it was destroyed and why. If*

*destroyed correspondence and communication continues to be held in another form can you please provide a copy of that destroyed correspondence and communication.*

Our response to your request is as follows:

Please find attached the information the GLA holds within scope of your request. Please note that junior level GLA staff names 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

You also asked:

*If, for whatever reason, you are aware that the two individuals corresponded and communicated outside this period can you let me know and I will submit another request for information.*

The GLA has disclosed further correspondence outside of the scope of your request. This can be found at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information/foi-disclosure-log/foi-northern-shell-july-2020>

We searched for further correspondence outside of the date range you specified. I can confirm that the GLA does not hold any further correspondence between Richard Desmond and Boris Johnson for the purpose of the FOIA / EIR.

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

Yours sincerely

  
**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>

# MAYOR OF LONDON

**Richard Desmond**

Chairman

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Our ref: MO/AS

Date: **- 7 OCT 2013**

Dear Richard

Thank you so much for the kind invitation and confirmation details of your visit to the Ability North project in Tottenham funded by The Health Lottery project on Tuesday 15 October.

I am really sorry, but I will be out of the country on a Trade visit to China next week and will be unable to accompany you on this occasion.

Do you mind, if isn't too much trouble, asking your team to liaise with my diary secretary [REDACTED] to agree a more suitable date and venue in the future? [REDACTED] can be contacted by email at: [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk or on [REDACTED].

Very best wishes.

Yours ever,



**Boris Johnson**

Mayor of London

*Sorry about  
the confusion!  
my uni's fault*