

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA060421-9925

4 May 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 3 April 2021. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for:

1. *Since first being approached by Queensgate Investments in 2017 up to 31 March 2021, what was the total sum expended by the GLA on helping the developers' application for the redevelopment of the Kensington Forum Hotel site succeed (including, but not limited to legal costs and court fines)? Please include the amount set aside for the public inquiry that was suddenly aborted, when the developers withdrew their application at close of business on 19 March 2021.*
2. *How much in total did the GLA charge Queensgate and/or any of their consultants for the more than 20 meetings/discussions/advice on the KFH redevelopment scheme?*
3. *How many man hours by GLA staff were used on the KFH redevelopment scheme Please specify senior staff or junior staff.*

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. The total GLA legal and consultant costs are set out below in chronological order

Claim by RBKC to the High Court in relation to the Mayor's Stage 2 decision on 5 November 2018:

- GLA legal costs £3,712.50
- Paid £20,000 to RBKC for costs incurred

Representation Hearing 21 June 2019:

- GLA legal costs - £2,400

Claim by RBKC to the High Court in relation to the Mayor's Stage 3 decision on 21 June 2019:

- GLA legal costs £68,833
- Paid £90,000 to RBKC for costs incurred

Representation Hearing 22 October 2020:

- GLA legal costs - Review of Hearing report £2,500

Public Inquiry:

- Heritage consultant – £18,000 quoted but actual costs incurred were £10,096
- Legal costs – £83,000 quoted but actual costs incurred were £5,175
- Redaction of letters of representation - £995
- The total budget for the Public Inquiry was £250k, however, as above, the real cost would have been £101k (£18k + £83k)

2. GLA charges to applicant

Representation Hearing 21 June 2019:

- Representation Hearing Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) applicant covering GLA costs.
- Applicant agreed to pay GLA - £85,000
- Daylight/sunlight consultant - £3,750
- Legal costs - £13,067

Representation Hearing 22 October 2020:

- Applicant agreed to pay GLA- £30,268

3. Hours spent by GLA staff

We do not hold this information.

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

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