

RE: MGLA290316-8171 Re: MGLA250315-2335 Information request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Mayor of London (mayor@london.gov.uk)

To: [REDACTED]

Attachments:  High Street Fund Agreement_FINAL_CLEAN.pdf

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached a copy of the Funding Agreement between the GLA and The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea regarding the High Street Project at Portobello Road / Thorpe Close. We contract directly with our borough partners for this fund, so in this situation the borough have a separate agreement to pass down the obligations within to the Westway Trust, who are delivering the project in accordance with their successful bid.

My apologies for the delay, I have recently been away and wanted to respond personally to update you on progress with the project, you will recall that we met previously to discuss the scope of the bid we were supporting through our investment.

As you can see within the agreement, the scope of the project we agreed was to 'test' and encourage new opportunities for increased activity along Thorpe Close, throughout the week using a series of temporary interventions. These would explore potential future activities to support the area and develop a more legible connection between Ladbroke Grove and Portobello Rd, along Thorpe Close.

A key ambition of this process is to engage the local community and to develop ideas that build on existing assets to complement and nurture what is special about this place.

We were aware that there has been mixed feeling towards Westway Trust's early proposals for the area around Acklam Village and we felt that there was an opportunity for this project to better inform those future proposals by opening up a more positive dialogue with local people through a co-design process for the temporary interventions proposed through the High St Fund.

The nature of co-design means that there are plenty of unknowns at the outset, so the programme and outputs of the eventual interventions may well differ from those set out in the agreement. However, we believe that this is an important opportunity for Westway Trust to work with a different approach to local engagement.

We now expect the project to complete in the Autumn, later than originally envisaged in the funding agreement. This is, in part, due to the commitment to the co-design process on Westway Trust's part.

I hope that gives a sense of what we are doing in the area, within the scope of this investment, and I'd like to extend a further offer to meet and discuss the project, if you wish,

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

Regeneration

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for those documents which I was sent at the time of my original request. I was also in touch with [REDACTED].

I understand that, as mentioned by you and reiterated in my discussions with [REDACTED]s, at the time of my original request the final grant agreement had not been finalised. However,I am aware that it has now been so for some time. Can my original request act retrospectively in this way, should I submit another, or perhaps one isn't necessary - but would it be possible to see it?

Thank you very much.

Regards
[REDACTED]

From: Mayor of London

Date: Tuesday, 21 April 2015 13:07

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: MGLA250315-2335 Information request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act of 24 March 2015. Please find attached documents comprising the Westway Trust's application to the High Street Fund, as requested. It should be noted that the final grant agreement is currently in development and as such, there are no documents to release.

Please do consider contacting project lead [REDACTED] in the GLA Regeneration team should you wish to further understand the project proposed, the High Street Fund or the wider work of the Regeneration Team.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED],

Regeneration

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<http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/gla/governing-organisation/freedom-information>.

Dear Madam / Sir

My name is [REDACTED] and my address is [REDACTED]

I would like to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, information pertaining to the application by the Westway Trust for the mayor's High Street Fund; in particular, the trust's completed application and the final grant documents themselves, plus

any other documents there may be that relate to this matter.

I would be happiest to receive any such documents by email if that were possible, however you do have my mailing address, above.

Thank you very much indeed.