



15 March 2024

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 24-011

Thank you for your information request, received on 6 March 2024. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

"I am a final year architecture undergraduate student at UCL. I am proposing a building on your site - specifically in the car park, so I would need plans and elevations of 12, 15 and A,B,C - which can be found here: <https://3mills.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/3-Mills-Studios-Map-All-Spaces-Specs2020.pdf>

I need the plans and sites to create accurate plans and sections of the site, when I superimpose my building onto drawings of the site.

I have been told you own the land, and I kindly request the information under the freedom of information act.

Clarified as: Plans, sections and any 3D models would be subject excellent - I am requesting the information under the freedom of information act. "

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation holds information which falls within the scope of your request however this information is being withheld under FOIA section 31(1)(a) – prevention or detection of crime.

Section 31 - Law enforcement.

(1) Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice—

(a) the prevention or detection of crime

The section 31 exemption is a qualified exemption and subject to the prejudice test and the public interest test. Under the prejudice test we have to consider if disclosure of this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention of crime.

Consideration is also given to the harm disclosing this information would be likely to cause, combined with other information already in the public domain (mosaic effect) or possibly released at a future date (precedent effect). The public interest test considers and balances the public interest in disclosing this information against the public interest in not disclosing this information and uses this assessment to decide whether there is sufficient justification in withholding this information under this exemption.

Information disclosed under the FOIA is considered to be public information, and while there is a presumption towards disclosure, consideration needs to be given as to who will have access to this information beyond the requestor, and the purposes for which they could use the information.

Prejudice to the prevention of crime

The Legacy Corporation has assessed the impact of releasing the information withheld under the exemption s.31(1)(a) – the prevention or detection of crime, in order to decide whether disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention of crime. We have concluded that prejudice to the prevention of crime would be caused by disclosing this information, so the exemption is engaged.

Given the nature of the information requested, releasing this information will make public information on the security of this site which is extremely sensitive and would jeopardise the security of the 3 Mills site.

Public Interest Test

There is, of course, a public interest in promoting transparency of public authorities' decisions and accountability, however, the disclosure of the information requested, currently withheld under s.31(1)(a) and identified as prejudicial to the prevention of crime would be likely to harm the security of the 3 Mills Site because it would reveal details that would identify sensitive security arrangements and operations. This is a film studio with high level of security protocol owing to the significance of the people in attendance, confidentiality of the filming activity and rehearsals, value of items stored on site, etc. Releasing accurate site plans and drawings into the public domain would compromise the security of the site.

It is the view of the Legacy Corporation that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request and wish to make a request for an internal review of our response, you should write to:

Deputy Chief Executive
London Legacy Development Corporation
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5 Endeavour Square
Stratford
E20 1JN

Email: FOI@londonlegacy.co.uk

Please note: requests for internal reviews received more than forty working days after the initial response will not be handled.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may appeal directly to the Information Commissioner at the address given below. You should do this within two months of our final decision. There is no charge for making an appeal.

Further information on the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is available from the Information Commissioner's Office:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Telephone 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45

Website www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

FOI / EIR Co-ordinator
London Legacy Development Corporation