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Subject: Re: MHCLG Information Request Acknowledgement (ref: 7691274)
Date: 29 May 2020 at 09:53
To: Despatch Box mhclgcorrespondence@communities.gov.uk



Dear MHCLG,

Is it possible to amend this FOI in the light of new information?

Question 1 & 2. needs to be expanded slightly to include SPADs and PR companies. Can the term civil servant explicitly include SPADs and the developer of this site include PR companies like for example Thorncliffe

New Question 1 & 2 with additions in Red

1. Can you please disclose all correspondence (whether by letter or by email) between MHCLG as well as Robert Jenrick MP, or any current or former MHCLG Minister or SPAD and the developer of this site (Northern & Shell, Richard Desmond, Mace or any related party like a PR company, for example Thorncliffe) from 1st January 2018 to today's date about this site and any related planning application. In part this is to find out whether there had been any discussions before the revised planning application was submitted in July 2018.

2. Where there any meetings (on any subject) between MHCLG as well as Robert Jenrick MP or any other MHCLG Minister (current or former) or civil servant including SPADs and the developer of this site (Northern & Shell, Richard Desmond & Mace or any PR employed by them, for example Thorncliffe) from 1st January 2018 to today's date? not including the inspectors public planning enquiry? I include Mace as they are developing the site for Northern & Shell and most correspondence with the developer includes people from both companies.

My Question 5 is now moot as I have now seen the Consent Order making clear the timing of the decision was deliberately done to avoid the decision by LBTH on the 15th January 2020 for a new Local Plan and new CIL rates. (the new Local Plan was supportive of a tall development on this site so I have to assume it was the new CIL rates that prompted the timing of this decision.

New Question 5 based on Point 4 of the Consent Order Schedule signed by the Government Legal Department which admits that the decision was timed to avoid the decision on the 15th January.

What was the reason for deliberately making the decision before a new Local Plan and CIL schedule were adopted by LBTH on the 15th January 2020?

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On 27 May 2020, at 12:01, Despatch Box <mhclgcorrespondence@communities.gov.uk> wrote:



Ministry of Housing,
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Our reference: 7691274 Information request

Dear Cllr Wood

Thank you for your Information Request of 27 May 2020.

We will aim to send you a response by 24 June 2020.

If you have any questions, please ask by return email. Please leave the subject line unchanged when replying, to make sure your email gets straight to us.

Yours sincerely

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