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Dear Mr Abantu-Choudhury



## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

We refer to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and/or the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) received by the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) on 14 July 2008 requesting the following information:

*I would like to know what (if any) dust suppression activities you currently have for the Olympic Site opposite Leabank Square & Wick Village in Hackney Wick.*

*This is roughly the site that has the Media Centre, International Press Centre, Satellite Park planned for it - but including the soil washing-plant next door.*

*I would like to know the exact times of day any activity currently takes place - including weekends.*

We confirm that we hold information of the description specified in your request. We have provided the following information:



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Details of dust mitigation measures being undertaken (see below).

Drawings showing the layout of the northern part of the site and routes of water bowsers (**Annex A**)

Photos of dust suppression activities on site (**Annex B**).

Site-wide mitigation measures applied by ODA/CLM and its contractors are detailed in the Code of Construction Practice. This can be found on the London2012 website at: <http://www.london2012.com/documents/oda-health-and-safety/code-of-construction-practice-final-low-res.pdf> . Contractors are also required to identify specific mitigation measures in their Project Environmental Management Plans, which are reviewed and approved by the Environment Team and sent to external stakeholders (Planning Decisions Team, Environment Agency, Local Authority Environmental Health Officers, etc.) for consultation.

Weekly inspections are carried out by the ODA Delivery Partner's Environmental Assurance (**DPEA**) function to ensure the mitigation measures are sufficient. These inspections are recorded on a standard template and any additional action which needs to be taken is included, when applicable. Implementation of any additional mitigation actions can be checked on the subsequent inspections by the DPEA. In addition to DPEA inspections, environmental audits are conducted on all Contractors on a regular basis by the ODA Delivery Partner. These audits are more thorough than the site inspections and include detailed checks of training & awareness, inspection records, monitoring records, and other documentation.

This all forms part of the ODA Delivery Partner's Environment & Sustainability Management System, which has been independently certified to ISO14001, an internationally recognised standard for Environmental Management Systems.

Specific dust suppression activities which are carried out on the Olympic Park include:

- 8 km of hard-standing internal haul routes to minimise dust levels from construction traffic and ease effective maintenance.

- Several vehicle washes throughout the site and at all site exits to prevent mud/dust on the roads.
- A full fleet of dust suppression equipment (recently increased to deal with the dry conditions to include 7 Road Sweepers, 10 mobile water bowsers and 7 wheel-washes). The bowsers and sweepers are continuously deployed across the site. The routes for these are shown on the attached plan.
- Improved awareness of dust issues on site through training and awareness campaigns
- Site speed limit enforced on internal roads (15mph)
- Application of Dustbuster 2 (an environmentally-safe binder) on exposed area in construction zone 5c (as shown in attached drawing)
- Specific dust control for static plant and demolition activities (e.g. fixed spray systems on concrete crushers, etc.)

We trust that this information satisfies your request for information. However, if you are not satisfied with the response to your request and wish to make a complaint, you should write to The Information Officer, Olympic Delivery Authority, One Churchill Place, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5LN. Please state detailed grounds for your complaint.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner will not make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaint procedure provided by the ODA. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



Penelope Jarvis  
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