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Dear Mr/Ms Urquhart



## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

We refer to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) received by the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) on 7 January 2009 requesting the following information:

*I would like to request information regarding the ODA's "Sustainable Food Strategy."*

1. *What measures have been taken to encourage contractors on the Olympics site to source local organic food for their staff?*
2. *The number of farmers or growers in the south east region who have been contacted as potential providers of food to contractors before, and those attending, competing or working at the games in 2012.*
3. *When the Sustainable Food Strategy is due to be published.*



MAYOR OF LONDON

We confirm that we hold some of the information specified in your request.  
The information held by us is as follows:

**Item 1**

The ODA decided not to directly provide catering on the Olympic Park and as such principal contractors are responsible for providing catering facilities to their specific workforce. Caterers on the Olympic Park are responsible for procuring their supplies and ODA have provided guidance based on advice from Sustain (<http://www.sustainweb.org/>). The guidance provided does not constitute a contractual obligation placed on the contractors.

**Item 2**

We do not hold information of the description specified in your request. We are therefore unable to communicate the information to you. The FOIA only applies to information held by a public authority. The ODA does not control or operate catering services on the Olympic Park and as such information relating to where food is sourced from is not held by the ODA.

As regards to the source of food during the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games (the Games), this is not information held by the ODA. The ODA works closely with the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Limited (LOCOG) who may be able to assist you. LOCOG is the organisation that will be staging the Games while ODA is responsible for building the infrastructure for the Games.

You may wish to re-direct your request to LOCOG however, please note that LOCOG is a private company limited by guarantee and is not a public authority subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Enquires may be submitted to LOCOG in writing or via email to [enquiries@london2012.com](mailto:enquiries@london2012.com) or by writing to:

LOCOG General Enquiries  
One Churchill Place  
Canary Wharf  
London  
E14 5LN

### Item 3

The ODA does not have specific document entitled “Sustainable Food Strategy” nor do we have a publication date for any such document. However, we are working with the Commission for a Sustainable London 2012 to develop in relation to addressing the issue of the sourcing of sustainable food within an overarching set of work around the sustainable legacy of the Games.

In this regard the ODA is working with the Commission for a Sustainable London 2012 (CS), which was set up in January 2007 as an independent organisation which was tasked with assuring the pledge made by the London Bid Company during its bid to host the 2012 Games for London to host sustainable games and to leave a legacy. Information about CS can be obtained from their website:

<http://www.cslondon.org/>

In addition, you may be interested in reviewing a document contained on this site entitled “On track for a Sustainable Legacy”, specifically recommendations 14 and 15 in relation to your request. This document can be found at:

[http://www.cslondon.org/documents/2007\\_Governance\\_Review.pdf](http://www.cslondon.org/documents/2007_Governance_Review.pdf)

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



Information Officer  
Olympic Delivery Authority

