

Enquiries to: Information Team
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**Liverpool
City Council**

Dear Mr Jacobs

Freedom of Information Request 688542

Thank you for your recent request received 2 May 2019. Your request was actioned under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in which you requested the following information –

[1] Will the Mayor [Joe Anderson] please explain to the Liverpool ratepayers has the £960,000 being paid to the Liverpool city council, that is long overdue from the London banker, Jason Oakley?

[2] Will the Mayor also explain as to why no work or jobs have been created in Chinatown and what is going on at this site?

[3] Will the Mayor supply all information on the new company GGSD and has the Mayor and his staff done all background checks to see if Jason Oakley, Neil Hunter, Kerry Tomlinson, has any funds?

[cashflow] on hand even to start this failed 2nd project?

[4] Will the Mayor try to explain why Echo reporter 'Tom Duffy' has kept this report out of the public eye and why the Liverpool Echo will not investigate this, as the London Times and other newspaper are doing so this week?

[5] What will happen when GGSD Ltd goes bust like the other cowboys, will the Mayor try to blame others, he set this 2nd company up!

[6] Will the Mayor investigate this matter and forward any new information to the NCA and the SFO in London?

Response:

Liverpool City Council would advise as follows –

1. The City Council engages with developers to remind them of their relevant obligations made under Section 106 Legal Agreements.
2. This is not a valid question under Freedom of Information legislation.
3. Information relating to the financial and business affairs of third party organisations in such circumstances is made available for review by the City Council but does not pass into the general control or ownership of the City Council. Were this information to be retained, Section 43(2) Freedom of Information Act 2000 would be considered to be engaged. It is anticipated that an assessment of public interest factors would result in this exemption being applied. As the information remains in the possession and control of the third party company we would advise you submit such questions to them in terms of their commercial activities. With regard to the City Council, relevant and proportionate due diligence is undertaken when dealing with such commercial matters.
4. This is a statement and therefore not a valid question under Freedom of Information

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5. This is a statement and therefore not a valid question under Freedom of Information legislation.
6. In the event that you wish to raise concerns, please utilise the City Council's Whistleblowing & Complaints Facility which is accessible via the following weblink – <https://liverpool.gov.uk/contact-us/complaints-and-feedback/whistleblowing/>

This concludes our response.

The City Council will consider appeals, referrals or complaints in respect of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 and you must submit these in writing to Informationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk within 28 days of receiving your response. The matter will be dealt with by an officer who was not previously involved with the response and we will look to provide a response within 40 days.

If you remain dissatisfied you may also apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision about whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner's website is www.ico.gov.uk and the postal address and telephone numbers are:- Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Telephone: 0303-123-113. Email – mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk (they advise that their email is not secure)

I trust this information satisfies your enquiry.

Yours sincerely
Information Team