



Dear Mr Jacobs

**Freedom of Information Request 692956**

Thank you for your recent request received 29 May 2019. Your request was actioned under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in which you requested the following information –

*[1] Will Jeanette Geraldine McLoughlin, please reply to the request from other members of the public, with regards to Cllr Calvert's involvement with her role as a member of Hughes PR and how many meeting has Cllr Calvert had with:*

*A/ Gary Howard  
B/ Lin Mari group  
C/ Fox Street village Ltd*

*[2] Why didn't the Liverpool city council inform the fire service last year about the problems at Fox Street village, Cllr Calvert was aware of this as was all the newsroom staff at the Reach PLC Liverpool Echo and a number of past FOI's were sent into the council.*

*[3] Will now Jeanette McLoughlin take the time to investigate this matter and why the Liverpool echo never passed this information on to the Liverpool city council, when the reporter Liam Throp, was told of the issues in Fox Street, along with Daniel Hughes, and Cllr Calvert.*

*[4] How did Cllr Calvert land the job at Hughes PR and why was she the front or the face for, Mr Gary Howard did she not understand at the time these buildings were a fire trap and two local builders last year reported this, as one building alone [Block] B is made of plywood. Will Cllr Calvert, please make a public statement as to her role in all of this and how she knew Gary Howard?*

*[5] Will the council now please state the number of times the Mayor has held talks with Lin Mari, Fox Street village Ltd and Gary Howard and Kerry Tomlinson from the past six years?*

*[6] How many meetings took place with the Mayor and Danial Hughes and why? Please take note: The relationship with the Liverpool Echo and many members of its staff with Hughes PR has been logged along with photos.*

*[7] Was any council or public money used to pay for Cllr Calvert's time while at Hughes PR or did Hughes PR ever collect or take any funds from the Council, will the Mayor please try to explain why the outstanding fees from 'Fox Street village Ltd' have never been paid after all this time? {£490,000}*

*[8] Was the LCC aware that Gleeds 2 years had signed off these building as fit to live in.*

*Jeanette McLoughlin you are the council solicitor, and if I do not get some explanation then this information will go to every newspaper in London to ask you the same*

*questions.*

**Response:**

Liverpool City Council would advise as follows –

1. None.
2. This is not a valid question under Freedom of Information legislation.
3. 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/>
4. This is a statement and therefore not a valid question under Freedom of Information legislation.
5. None.
6. None.
7. This is predominantly a statement and therefore not a valid question under Freedom of Information legislation. Insofar as elements constitute a question, Liverpool City Council has never paid any monies to Daniel Hughes PR. The City Council continues to chase payment of all outstanding fees by any firm.
8. This is predominantly a statement and therefore not a valid question under Freedom of Information legislation. Insofar as elements constitute a question, Government regulations allow for private developers to employ their own consultants to sign off buildings on completion. The City Council and the Mayor have been outspoken in opposition to these regulations and lobbied government on the need for change.

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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk) (they advise that their email is not secure)

I trust this information satisfies your enquiry.

Yours sincerely  
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