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Please ask for: Freedom of Information
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Our ref: FR9656a
Your ref:
Date: 8th January 2019

Dear L. Dulledge

Information Request: FR9656a

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 5th December 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act and is detailed below in italics with our response in bold.

(Please note the extract below has been taken directly from your original information request and is unedited).

Our Response

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Further to my previous FOI request, I would like you to clarify the following replies:

- 1. Please clarify the answer here - is the planned opening in Autumn 2020 of the attraction and site that was initially planned, or has the plan be chaged or acaled back?*

The opening in the autumn 2020 is of a revised scheme for the site. The principles remain the same – a site focussed on heritage education and learning with commercial elements to provide sustainability. However the commercial offer has been enhanced and strengthened with some changes as to how different buildings are use. The summary of the changes and the revised business plan are in the public domain from the Committee Information System for Cabinet 17 December 2019, see item 15 and the appendix



<https://cmis.northamptonshire.gov.uk/cm5live/MeetingsCalendar/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/3406/Committee/399/Default.aspx>

What is the current date projected for Chester Farm to open to the public as the "visitor attraction" it was initially planned to be?

"The current intention is that the site will be open to the public from autumn 2020.

Please clarify the answer here - my question asked for costs including staff costs, not capital costs only.

At the point when it opens, what will the total spend by NCC have been? Please include all costs including staff, contractors, materials etc.

As stated before, it is not possible to say what the final costs will be by autumn 2020, as the new building contract has yet to be tendered.

Costs to date only can be given.

Future staff revenue costs for the project as projected in the refreshed business plan are: £239,813 p.a. NCC will contribute approx. £179k of this year's 1- 5 of trading.

Expenditure to December 2019: £9.573m

"The current approved NCC capital investment for the project is £7.090m. Cabinet will be asked to support an increase to this budget of £1.347m. However, the actual final costs will not be known until after a new contractor has been appointed and the work completed. "

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Email dataprotection@northamptonshire.gov.uk

If our internal review does not resolve the issue to your complete satisfaction, you have the right to apply to the information Commissioner for a decision at the following address:

Information Commissioner

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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