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Dear Mr Thomas

## Freedom of Information Request 3128528

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

- 1. Cllr Steve Mumby what input have you put into the failed Chinatown site that is your ward, have you done any due diligence on this new company ( Great George Street Developments) Ltd?
- 2. As a Liverpool City Councillor have you held any public talks in Chinatown, with the business leaders or informed them that no 106 fees have ever being collected from this company or Chinatown Developments Ltd and NPG Ltd.
- 3. As the councillor for this ward, have you talked to [Unite the Union] or Mr John Sheppard with regards to another failed project in your ward: Baltic House and the loss of jobs and vast loss to the local economy?
- 4. Cllr Mumby what is your total income per year as a Councillor along with all your expenses as from 2014?
- 5. Cllr Mumby in 2014/15 have you ever taken any donations from: PHD1/ Chinatown Developments Itd/ NPG Ltd? have you been to any off record or public meeting with Peter McInnes in 2014/15?
- 6. What due diligence did Liverpool City Council do in respect of Great George Developments Ltd (GGSD) which in October 2018 submitted planning application 18F/2727 in respect of the New Chinatown development?
- 7. Are the Council aware that Neal Hunter, who as a director of GGSD submitted planning application 18F/2727, is also a director of China Town Development Company Ltd (CTDC), the company which according to an article in the Liverpool Echo dated 9 March 2018 "controls the leases to the site"?
- 8. Did the council take into consideration that the company New China Town Buyers Ltd has an undischarged charge registered against CTDC which is secured on property leased by the council to CTCD?
- 9. What is the council doing regarding monies owed to it by CTDC?
- 10. Has Liverpool City Council held any talks with John Sheppard of the Unite union regarding the loss of jobs and the resulting effect on the local economy caused by the stalled developments in the City?

## Response:

Liverpool City Council would advise as follows -

This is a statement and not a valid question under Freedom of Information legislation

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nor was it a matter for individual Councillors to conduct due diligence in the manner described.

- 2. It is a matter for the City Council in its capacity as Local Planning Authority to determine the requirement or otherwise for a Legal Agreement and payment of Section 106 fees. It is not a matter for individual Members.
- 3. The majority of this question constitutes a statement, comment and opinion and as such is not a valid question under Freedom of Information legislation. To the extent that a limited element of this question is valid, Councillor Munby in common with all elected members will talk to local businesses, residents and community groups in the discharge of responsibilities as a Ward Councillor.
- 4. This information is already in the public domain. As such and in accordance with the application of Section 21 Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would refer you to the following weblink <a href="http://councillors.liverpool.gov.uk/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD6213&ID=4636&RPID=35424891">http://councillors.liverpool.gov.uk/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD6213&ID=4636&RPID=35424891</a>
- 5. No.
- 6. Appropriate Due Diligence was conducted.
- 7. This is a statement and not a valid question under the Freedom of Information Act.
- 8. Relevant material considerations are taken into consideration.
- Appropriate reminders are issued to organisations with outstanding monies owed to the City Council and in the absence of payment relevant enforcement and recovery action will be taken as required.
- 10. The City Council as a responsible local authority continues to engage with business, local residents and communities in the discharge of our various responsibilities.

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 <a href="mailto:lnformationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk">lnformationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk</a> 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 <a href="https://www.ico.gov.uk">www.ico.gov.uk</a> 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 —<a href="mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk">mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk</a> (they advise that their email is not secure). I trust this information satisfies your enquiry.

Yours sincerely **Information Team** 

