

**FOI: 12366469 FOI - Communications from the V&A relating to Robin Hood Gardens**

Please provide all communications relating to the acquisition of a section of Robin Hood Gardens by the V&A. I am specifically interested in understanding the process of selecting 'bits' of building, identifying which bits were collected, the specifics of how they were obtained, where from, and the ways in which they were categorised and/or recorded.

Whilst the west block of Robin Hood Gardens (Including flats 1-104) had been property of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, a license to hoard the surrounding area and demolish this building was granted in March 2017 to Swan Housing as development partner for the Blackwall Reach Regeneration Project and in preparation to build much needed new homes.

Dialogue with the V&A regarding the transfer of sections of the demolished building was subsequently conducted with Swan Housing Association and their contractors. This would have included discussions to identify which elements to collect, how to remove, how to catalogue, transport and store. These discussions did not include council officers. Tower Hamlets did receive a document detailing the rationale in preserving a section of Robin Hood Gardens enclosed as the V&A proposal justification for acquisition document.

Some information has been redacted under section 40(2) of the Act, as it contains personal information of another person(s) and releasing would contravene the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998.