

FOI: 14527900

Freedom of Information request - complaints regarding the alleged antisemitism of Mear One's mural in Hanbury Street 2012

In 2012 in Hanbury Street off Brick Lane the street artist Mear One aka Kalen Ockerman painted a mural "Freedom for Humanity" which was later destroyed after complaints. Can you please notify and release the relevant papers and those notified. In particular, please notify and release any correspondence between Councillor Peter Golds and Stephen Halsey. Please also let me know if the Communities Secretary (Eric Pickles) was kept informed of any of the relevant data over the period dating from September 2012 to June 2016. Did the Communities Secretary (or what is now the MHCLG) show any interest in this case? When? What exactly?

Please find attached the requested information held by the Council, some of which has been redacted to remove personal data of third parties and junior members of staff.

The information redacted is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FoIA). The information is personal data as defined by the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA). As it is information about someone else the Council is unable to give this to you; release of this information would constitute a breach of Principle 1 of the DPA. Principle 1 states that personal data shall be processed (used) fairly and lawfully and transparently, in particular, shall not be used unless at least one of the conditions in Article 6 (and when relevant, Article 9) of the GDPR is met; in this case none of those conditions have been met.

Our searches have found no communication between Eric Pickles, Communities Secretary, and the Council on the issue of the mural in Hanbury Street.

Elected Members are data controllers in their own right and are also not subject to the FOI Act. Therefore, if you require any communications not involving a Council officer but an Elected Member, you will need to request this directly from them. Alternatively, you can contact the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to ascertain if any exchanges took place.