

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

Tom Francis

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Our Ref: MGLA160916-6318

14th October 2016

Dear Mr. Francis,

Freedom of Information Act request

Thank you for your e-mail of the 16th September 2016 in which you ask for the release of the following information in relation to the Garden Bridge:

Please make public all correspondence (written and by email) from 5th May 2016 to date between the GLA/Mayor's office and the Garden Bridge Trust, and between the GLA/Mayor's office and TfL concerning the Garden Bridge.

Please also make public full details of all financial information about the Garden Bridge project that may have been provided together with this correspondence.

Your request is being handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We are considering your request at this time.

Although the Act carries a presumption in favour of disclosure, it provides exemptions which may be used to withhold information in specified circumstances. Some of these exemptions, referred to as 'qualified exemptions', are subject to a public interest test. This test is used to balance the public interest in disclosure against the public interest in favour of withholding the information. The Act allows us to exceed the 20 working day response target where we need to consider the public interest test fully.

Some of the information which you have requested is being considered under the exemption provisions under section 43(2) of the Act, which relate to information that would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any party.

This is a qualified exemption provision and, in order to fully consider the balance of the public interest arguments both in favour of disclosure and those in favour of withholding the information covered by this exemption, we need to extend the 20 working day response period.

Therefore, in accordance with our obligations under section 17(2) of the Act, I write to you today to advise you that we now aim to provide you with our response to your request by the 11th November 2016.

If you have any questions about the handling of your information request then please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'I. Lister', written in a cursive style.

Ian Lister
Information Governance Manager

If you are unhappy with the way the GLA has handled your request, you may complain using the GLA's FOI complaints and internal review procedure, available at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>