Shared Service Centre Feedback and Information Governance

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Mr Phil Jackson Date: 28 April 2017

Our ref: LBH/6147117

Via email: request-397935-b7a476ac@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr Jackson,

Freedom of Information Request, our reference: LBH/6147117

Thank you for your request for information dated 29 March 2017 in which you asked for all correspondence, emails, minutes between Tottenham Hotspur, parent companies of Spurs, subsidiaries of Spurs and councillors and officers for the past 24 months. Specifically, please provide in all available formats, minutes, letters, email and notes pertaining to all Council engagement with Tottenham Hotspur regarding the construction of the new stadium and any and all associated land, property, schooling, housing related matters in the adjacent area.

I contacted you further as your request was too broad and you responded by asking for the following:

Property, Land, Assurances, Agreements - all emails which pertain to Spurs and any adjacent land correspondence and emails between councillors, officers, employees and consultants of Haringey and Spurs - for the period May-December 2016. I have shortened the timeframe and removed for now parent and subsidiary companies of Spurs. This should considerably reduce the time commitment to provide the necessary information.

We have considered your request. I am afraid that it is still not totally clear what information you are seeking to access. You appear to be asking for every documented contact between anyone at the council and anyone at Spurs about "Property, Land, Assurances, Agreements" within a time period. In order to answer this request, we'd have to identify all officers that might possibly have contact with Spurs, locate any correspondence and then review it to see if related to "Property, Land, Assurances, Agreements". As those are very broad categories, that could include all sorts of things that perhaps you are not actually interested in. Many of our services have regular dealings with Tottenham Hotspur relating to a whole range of matters For example, we have regular contact with Spurs about closing roads on match-days.

The request as it stands is too broad. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act allows public authorities to refuse to answer requests for information if the cost of complying would exceed the 'appropriate limit' prescribed in the Fees Regulations (SI 2004/3244). We estimate that for us to answer this request in its present form would take officers longer than the 18 hours limit.

This letter is a refusal notice as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

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If you wish to submit another request that is more specific, you are welcome to do so.

If you are unhappy with how we have responded to your request you can ask us to conduct an Internal Review. If so, please contact the Feedback and Information Team as below. (Please note you should do this within two months of receiving this response.)

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You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's office, who may be able to help you. However they would normally expect the local authority to have undertaken a complaint investigation or Internal Review of the request before they will accept the referral.

You can contact the Commissioner at:

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Yours sincerely

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