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Dear Debbie Fitzpatrick

Re: Horsfall Playing Fields, Stadium and Harold Park

I refer to your request dated 14 May 2021 under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR), asking to supply the following information:

- 1. Please provide the following information whether land known as Horsfall stadium and playing fields by virtue of title and map.(wibsey slack and low moor enclosure 1881 ) is beneficial land gifted in trust. (put simply was or is this land part of the beneficial gift maintained by parliamentary statute)*
- 2. Please provide by way of map and description what the council accepts and understands as a result of its appropriation (incorporation) as the operational boundary of Harold park.(put simply, please define clearly the operational boundary of the municipal park known as Harold park given its known inclusion by way appropriation in 1931 as public open space )*

*(For avoidance of doubt please be clear on the status of Horsfall playing fields and stadium as to whether it its inclusive to Harold park.)*

Requests for information are generally governed by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). The information you have requested is environmental and it is therefore exempt from the provisions of FOIA s.39(1). We have therefore considered your request FOI-000003429 under the provisions of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

**The Council's response is set out below:**

#### Question 1

The Council have looked through all the documents and title to the Playing fields and Stadium and the same is not held by way of a charity or otherwise and the same (including the Stadium ) was bought for value in 1924 by Bradford Corporation without any reference to the Enclosure award of 1881. In 2014 the Council entered into a Deed of Dedication with the National Playing Fields Association to keep the Stadium and the playing fields to the north adjoining Halifax Road as a public playing field and recreational ground. A lease of the Stadium was granted by the Council in June 2020 to Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC with all the required steps being complied with in advance of this

taking place. If you wish to obtain a copy of the Council's title this is available through the Land Registry quoting the title number WYK 935893

## Question 2

Please find attached a plan (Plan no 112 v7) showing the operational boundary of Harold Park edged red. The park is also available for public recreation but is not the subject of the 2014 Deed of Dedication.

In accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR), if you are not satisfied with the reply to your request you can ask for a review. A request for a review must be submitted within 40 working days by emailing us at [foi@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:foi@bradford.gov.uk) or by writing to Corporate Information Governance Team, City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, City Hall, Centenary Square, Bradford, BD1 1HY.

If you are still not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review you have the right of appeal to the Information Commissioner who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF  
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Yours sincerely

Martyn Baldwin