



Our Reference: FOI000445

BY EMAIL ONLY

13 March 2015

Dear Mr Sutcliffe

Request for Information

Thank you for your email dated 11 February 2015 requesting information on Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital site in Alton, Hampshire. For ease of reference we have answered each of your questions separately below.

- 1. Please give the names of the "Selborne Road Landowners", if this is not possible please confirm that they include: Richard James, Paul James, Tim James, Karen James and the number of other persons included.**

The "Selborne Road Landowners" covered within the planning application submitted by Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) include Richard James, Paul James, Benjamin James, Stephen James and Graham James, Andrew Gibbons, Julian Gibbons and Richard Gibbons. We served notice as part of the planning application on the adjoining owners Tim James, Karen James, Mid Hants Railway and Hampshire County Council.

- 2. Please supply copies of correspondence between HCA and the "Selborne Road Landowners", Richard James, Paul James, Tim James, Karen James and their agents.**

Section 12 of the FOI Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the author estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for the HCA is set at £450, which equate to 18 hours of work (18 hours x £25). It is set at £25 regardless of who carries out the work – be it an administrator or the Chief Executive.

In this instance we have identified that there are approximately 2400 email correspondence that are filed in folders including the title Lord Mayor Treloar, which indicated they may fall within the scope of your request. These folders fall into two categories:

1. Correspondence (2000 emails)
2. Specific folders (for example Legal) (400 emails)

We took a sample of 25 legal folders (specific folder category) and read through the emails in these folders to identify which ones fell within the scope of your request. It took 60 minutes to read and classify these emails and therefore to complete this takes it would take a total of 16 hours (60 minutes/25 emails = 2 minutes 24 seconds per email x 400 = 16 hours).

We also took a sample of 25 emails located within the Correspondence folder to identify if they fell within the scope of your request. It took 40 minutes to read and classify these emails and therefore to complete this takes for all emails it would take a total of 53 hours 24 minutes (40 minutes/25 emails = 1 minutes 36 per email x 2000 = 53 hours 24 minutes).

In total we estimate it would take 69 hours 24 minutes (which equates to £1735) to identify and extract the information you have requested and we are therefore unable to provide this to you.

It may be possible to provide some information if you are able to narrow the scope of your request, for example by date or subject matter.

3. What financial contribution has HCA received from the "Selborne Road Landowners", Richard James, Paul James, Tim James, Karen James and their agents?

To date the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) has received no financial contribution from the 'Selborne Landowners' identified above.

4. What monies has the HCA paid to the "Selborne Road Landowners", Richard James, Paul James, Tim James, Karen James and their agents?

To date the HCA has received paid no monies to the 'Selborne Landowners' identified above.

5. What monies have been paid to the Mid Hants Railway Ltd and the Mid Hants Railway Preservation Society Ltd or their directors or agents by the HCA or anyone acting on behalf of the HCA?

We can confirm that no monies have been paid to the Mid Hants Railway Ltd and/or the Mid Hants Railway Preservation Society Ltd (or their directors or agents).

6. To date what has been the total cost to the HCA in relation to the planning application 30021/056.

To date the total cost to the HCA in relation the planning application is £650,000.

7. Please supply copies of all correspondence between HCA and EHDC prior to the 30th April 2014.

The information you have requested is also filed in the LMT folders as per the information requested at point 2 above. Therefore we are unable to provide the information to you as it would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours (£450). The calculations and estimations are the same as point 2.

If you have any questions regarding this response or any further queries you can contact us at the following addresses and quote your unique reference number found at the top of this letter:

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If you are unhappy with the way Homes and Communities Agency has handled your request you may ask for an internal review. You should contact

Head of Legal Services
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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at

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Yours sincerely

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