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INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 15-085

Dear Mr Pemberton

Thank you for your information request, received on 8 January 2016. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

“West Ham United Vice-Chairman Karren Brady recently told press that West Ham is looking to expand the seating capacity of the Olympic Stadium from 54,000 to 60,000.

Under the terms of the agreement(s) with West Ham United, please advise the following:

- 1. Aside from planning permissions, who is the authority and/or decision maker (from hereon, "The Authority") for any stadium works? This question is aimed at confirming whether it is the Grantor or otherwise (please specify), and who specifically has responsibility for such decisions.*
- 2. What is the process by which West Ham must seek to secure agreement from The Authority for stadium improvements to be made?*
- 3. Are consultations made with other tenants, and how are their views taken into consideration?*
- 4. Who would be responsible for funding any agreed expansion of the seating capacity of the Olympic Stadium in football mode, and are there any circumstances that change this?*
- 5. Under what circumstances are public funds - by which I mean E20, LLDC, local authority, government or other funds provided or supplemented by the public purse - used for stadium enhancements?*

Please constrain this answer to football use only.”

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation holds the information you have requested. I have responded using your order.

Question 1. Aside from planning permissions, who is the authority and/or decision maker (from hereon, "The Authority") for any stadium works? This question is aimed at confirming whether it is the Grantor or otherwise (please specify), and who specifically has responsibility for such decisions.

The Grantor, E20 Stadium LLP, is the authority for stadium works.

Question 2. What is the process by which West Ham must seek to secure agreement from The Authority for stadium improvements to be made?

West Ham United may make proposals for consideration by the Grantor.

Question 3. Are consultations made with other tenants, and how are their views taken into consideration?

E20 regularly consults stadium tenants and other stakeholders and takes their views into consideration, however E20 has the final authority.

Question 4. Who would be responsible for funding any agreed expansion of the seating capacity of the Olympic Stadium in football mode, and are there any circumstances that change this?

There are already sufficient seats in the stadium to accommodate 60,000 spectators. Nevertheless, any costs associated with increasing the capacity for football matches would be subject to further discussion between the relevant parties.

Question 5. Under what circumstances are public funds - by which I mean E20, LLDC, local authority, government or other funds provided or supplemented by the public purse - used for stadium enhancements?

Public funds may be used for stadium enhancements subject to affordability and the demonstration of an acceptable return on investment for the taxpayer.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to:

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Yours sincerely

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