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Our ref: FOI/ E29244

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Dear Mr Taylor,

Freedom of Information Act 2000
Request for Information: Information Provided
Please quote our reference: E29244
Subject: Planning Committee

We write with regard to your recent enquiry for information held by the Council under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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Request

1. Please can the Newham Council Officers in charge of Committees and Partnerships (including the monitoring officer) confirm whether the removal of Cllr Obaid Khan from planning was the real reason for the recent changes to seats on committees?
2. Or was the reason the Mayor gave at the Newham Labour Group meeting on 10 July that Cllr Khan was allegedly "selling favours to friends" the reason? If so has the Mayor informed the monitoring officer and gave full details of this allegation.
3. Furthermore did the officers (including the Deputy Executive, Douglas Trainer) discuss with other officers, Councillors or the Mayor the real reason why Cllr Khan was removed from

planning and as such the reasons set out in the official papers for changing the committee seats at Full Council on 10 July were fabricated.

Response

1-3.

The submissions you have made are not valid requests for recorded information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Your enquiries seek to illicit an explanation and qualification of an alleged state of events, rather than a request for recorded information.

We are therefore unable to comply with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

If you require any further information or are not happy with our response please do not hesitate to contact a member of our team on (020) 8430 2000 or email us at information.governance@newham.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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