

FOI: 22913842 Robert Milligan statue

Tonight, we have removed the statue of slave trader Robert Milligan that previously stood at West India Quay. We have also announced a review into monuments and other sites in our borough to understand how we should represent the more troubling periods in our history.

However I have since been informed by a source that the statue is on Canal and River Trust land and that they need planning permission to change a Grade 1 listed structure. Can you tell me when was the planning application submitted and can I have all documents associated with it?

Response

The statue is mentioned in passing in the listing description of the West India Docks Grade I warehouses but it isn't attached and isn't specifically listed. The Council's position is that the removal of the statue to safe storage would not require listed building consent or planning permission.