# HM Land Registry Head Office



By email to:

request-674186-494d6eef@whatdotheyknow.com

25 November 2020

Our Ref

F200704

HM Land Registry Head Office Trafalgar House 1 Bedford Park Croydon CR0 2AQ

Tel 0300 006 0001

DX No 8888 Croydon (3) www.gov.uk/land-registry Dear Mr Hardwick,

Thank you for your email dated 29 October 2020 where you requested information about the removal of a restriction from Title reference NGL241053.

## Your request

You asked the following questions:

- Please can you confirm that this restriction would have been valid within NGL241053 until it was removed?
- If later Titles were created which encompassed the land identified in NGL241053, would they be required to include a clause or paragraph that would identify the restriction of Parks & Open Space enjoyed by NGL241053?
- What correspondence or instructions does the Land Registry hold that led to the removal of the restriction in April 2018?

#### The Freedom of Information Act

I can confirm that the information you have requested is not available through the Freedom of Information Act (the Act). This is because other legislation takes over from the Act when it relates to requests for official documents or plans. Also, information covered by the Act does not include information given out as part of routine business or where a request does not meet the description of being a request for "recorded information" under the terms of the Act, such as:

- explanations of documents;
- clarification of policy;
- comments on HMLR's business.

## **Section 21 exemption**

Under Section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information if it is already reasonably accessible via other means. The information you have requested is available to you under our statutory protocol (under Section 66 of the Land Registration Act 2002 and the Land Registration Rules 2003).

S21(2)(b) of the Act states that information is reasonably accessible if "it is information which the public authority or any other person is

obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment."

Section 21(2)(b) of the Act applies to your request.

#### Where to find the information

Questions relating to the validity of restrictions and whether later Titles would encompass such restrictions should be directed to our Customer Services Team under our statutory services.

With regards the correspondence requested, I can confirm that we hold the following document under title number NGL241053:

Correspondence dated 09/04/2018

Please see our website at

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/official-copies-of-documents-registration-oc2 for details on how to obtain a copy of this document.

Please see this <u>contact details link</u> for how to get in touch with HM Land Registry.

## **Right of Appeal**

I hope I have been able to provide some clarity about the matters you have raised, however, if you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner within three months of this reply for a decision.

Please see their <u>contact page</u>. Please note that the ICO's offices are closed for the foreseeable future. They are unable to receive correspondence by post.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Whiting

Deputy Data Protection Officer

**HM Land Registry** 

Email: daniel.whiting@landregistry.gov.uk