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Dear Mr Cheyne



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

We refer to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) received by the Olympic Delivery Authority on 8 July 2008 requesting the following information:

- 1. How can the housing which will be created from the Athletes' Village at Stratford City be described as Legacy housing? This housing would have been built anyway. The plans had already received planning permission as part of the Stratford City development.*
- 2. The figure given for the amount of housing to be created from the Athlete's Village in the 2007 Olympic planning application was 4,500 homes. You have provided a figure of 3,500 homes in your recent Freedom of Information reply. Can you please explain this variation?*
- 3. I have since heard that the amount of housing to be provided for athletes at the Village has been reduced and that this may mean the final figure for the housing to be provided may not be 3,500 but closer to 3,300. Has the figure of 3,500 homes changed since your reply?*



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4. Will the recent difficulties over financing the Village affect the social housing component in the 'Legacy' phase?

5. How many 'Legacy' homes will be created and how many people will be housed in the area which originally included the Clays Lane and Park Village estates and the Clays Lane Travellers' site? I believe this site is now to be called Channelsea Village.

6. Does this figure take into account the loss of homes at the above sites (see 5)?

7. How many homes does the ODA calculate were lost at the above sites (see 5)?

8. What is the total amount of housing expected to be created on the Olympic Park, including the above sites at Channelsea Village and Stratford City? Recently I have heard the figure of 7,000 homes has been referred to. The figure provided at the compulsory purchase inquiry was 9,000 homes. Has this changed and if so why?

We confirm that we hold some of the information specified in your request. The information held by us is as follows:

Item 1

How can the housing which will be created from the Athletes' Village at Stratford City be described as Legacy housing? This housing would have been built anyway. The plans had already received planning permission as part of the Stratford City development.

Whilst it is correct to say that the housing would have been built any way, it is called Legacy housing because, but for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games (the Games), this housing would not have been built by 2012, but rather would have taken a much longer time to build. The fact that the Games has sped up the building of these units makes the housing, especially because of the timing of its delivery, Legacy housing.

Item 2

The figure given for the amount of housing to be created from the Athlete's Village in the 2007 Olympic planning application was 4,500 homes. You have

provided a figure of 3,500 homes in your recent Freedom of Information reply. Can you please explain this variation?

At the time of the 2007 Olympic Park planning application, which did not include the Olympic Village, only a little detailed design work had been undertaken. Since then working with the developer and LOCOG we have evolved detailed designs which reduce the number of homes which have to be built to accommodate athletes and officials.

Item 3

I have since heard that the amount of housing to be provided for athletes at the Village has been reduced and that this may mean the final figure for the housing to be provided may not be 3,500 but closer to 3,300. Has the figure of 3,500 homes changed since your reply?

No the figure has not changed since our previous FOIA response, however the figure is constantly under review.

Item 4

Will the recent difficulties over financing the Village affect the social housing component in the 'Legacy' phase?

No, this will not affect the Legacy phase.

Item 5

How many 'Legacy' homes will be created and how many people will be housed in the area which originally included the Clays Lane and Park Village estates and the Clays Lane Travellers' site? I believe this site is now to be called Channelsea Village.

We do not hold this information. This is a matter for the London Development Agency (LDA) and their work on the Legacy Masterplan Framework.

If you would like to direct your query to the LDA, please do so in writing to:

Public Liaison Unit
London Development Agency
Palestra
197 Blackfriars Road

London
SE1 8AA

Alternatively, you can email your request to info@lda.gov.uk or use their online Freedom of Information request form, which can be accessed using the following link:

<http://www.lda.gov.uk/server/show/nav.001009>

Item 6

Does this figure take into account the loss of homes at the above sites (see 5)?

We do not hold this information; please see our answer to item 5 above.

Item 7

How many homes does the ODA calculate were lost at the above sites (see 5)?

We do not hold this information; please see our answer to item 5 above.

Item 8

What is the total amount of housing expected to be created on the Olympic Park, including the above sites at Channelsea Village and Stratford City? Recently I have heard the figure of 7,000 homes has been referred to. The figure provided at the compulsory purchase inquiry was 9,000 homes. Has this changed and if so why?

The final amount will be decided as part of the Legacy Masterplan Framework evolution. Accordingly, we do not hold this information.

We trust that the above information is of assistance to you. However, if you are not satisfied with the response to your request and wish to make a complaint, you should write to The Information Officer, Olympic Delivery Authority, One Churchill Place, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5LN. Please state detailed grounds for your complaint.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner will not make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaint procedure provided by the ODA. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PJ Jarvis', is positioned to the left of a vertical line.

Penelope Jarvis
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