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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 (ODA) on 30 June 2008 requesting the following information:

- 1. Please provide a breakdown of the open spaces, both accessible and inaccessible and including the facilities at the Eastway Sports Centre, with measurements, in existence prior to the incorporation of these spaces into the Olympic site.*
- 2. Please provide an up to date assessment of the total area of open space expected to be made available in the Legacy. Please provide information as to whether this has altered from the original plans.*
- 3. Please indicate any difficulties in methods of measurement for 1 and 2 above. For example, are walkways, tow paths, car parks, access roads or other such features included or excluded in either case.*



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4. *Are any sports facilities included in the measurements of the Legacy park? If so please indicate which ones and the measurements involved.*
5. *Are any possible reed beds, mudflats or other river features included in the Legacy park measurements? If so please provide measurements.*
6. *I understand the ODA considers this park will be the largest in Europe for 150 years. Can you please state how this description has been arrived at? Which parks has this park been compared with?*

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

Item 1

Please provide a breakdown of the open spaces, both accessible and inaccessible and including the facilities at the Eastway Sports Centre, with measurements, in existence prior to the incorporation of these spaces into the Olympic site.

There was 92.8ha of open space in existence prior to incorporation into the Olympic Park site. A breakdown of this open space was set out in the Environmental Statement which accompanied the 2007 planning applications in Volume 12C Chapter 9 (the ES), table 9.67 (pg 212). The quantity of publicly accessible open space within the Olympic Park site was also set out in the ES at table 9.70 (pg 214-5), showing that 53.2 ha was publicly accessible.

A copy of the 2007 planning application is available on the London 2012 website using the below link. Please scroll to tab 12 for the information quoted above.

http://planning.london2012.com/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_de_tailview.aspx?caseno=JD3JF2SZL0000

Item 2

Please provide an up to date assessment of the total area of open space expected to be made available in the Legacy. Please provide information as to whether this has altered from the original plans.

The total area of open space to be provided in Legacy Transformation is 110ha. This is shown on the approved planning application drawings and as set out in table 9.76 (pg 230) of the ES. This total has not changed since the Outline Planning Permission (September 2007). A planning condition attached to the permission requires the ODA to deliver 102 hectares of open space capable of designation as Metropolitan Open Land. The section 106 agreement (Schedule 5) requires the Legacy Masterplan Framework to set out the provision and location of open space, including areas within the identified Legacy development platforms.

Item 3

Please indicate any difficulties in methods of measurement for 1 and 2 above. For example, are walkways, tow paths, car parks, access roads or other such features included or excluded in either case.

The measurement of open space (both existing and proposed) set out in the ES is based on typology identified in Annex 4 of Planning Policy Guidance Note 17 (PPG): Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation (2002). Walkways and towpaths were included in measurements (for both existing and proposed). Car parks were excluded.

Item 4

Are any sports facilities included in the measurements of the Legacy park? If so please indicate which ones and the measurements involved.

Table 9.76 (pg 230) of the ES sets out the quantity of open space in Legacy Transformation, and provides a breakdown according to open space type, including outdoor sports venues (but excluding major built facilities), in accordance with typology identified in Annex 4 of PPG17. This includes hockey venues and tennis (1.3 ha), a cricket pitch (0.5ha), and BMX and Cycle Circuit (3.8 ha).

Item 5

Are any possible reed beds, mudflats or other river features included in the Legacy park measurements? If so please provide measurements.

We refer you to the Biodiversity Action Plan Framework approved in the Outline Planning Permission. This is being developed into a Biodiversity Action Plan which will be submitted this Autumn and will provide the quanta and types of habitats including reed beds and other wetland habitats. These habitats will be incorporated into the plans for the parklands and public realm which will be the subject of follow on planning applications this Autumn.

Item 6

I understand the ODA considers this park will be the largest in Europe for 150 years. Can you please state how this description has been arrived at? Which parks has this park been compared with?

CABE Space and the London Parks and Green Spaces Forum have assisted the ODA in preparing benchmark studies on parks around the world and in London including previous Olympic Parks. Our understanding is that the Olympic Park will be the largest urban park of its type in Europe.

We trust that the above information answers your request. 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



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Table 9.67 – Quantity of Existing Open Space within the Site (ha)

Delivery Zone	Civic Space	Green Corridors	Natural & Semi Natural	Open Water	Parks & Gardens	Amenity Green Space	Allotments	Outdoor Sports Facilities	Total
1	-	-	-	1.6	-	-	-	-	1.6
2	-	0.0	5.4	1.9	-	-	-	-	7.3
3	-	3.6	5.6	1.7	-	-	-	-	10.8
4	-	1.2	-	0.9	-	-	-	-	2.1
5	-	1.7	-	1.4	-	5.2	-	-	8.3
6	-	-	15.9	1.8	-	-	1.7	7.2*	26.6
7	-	-	2.2	0.3	-	-	-	8.1*	10.6
8	-	0.7	0.6	2.2	-	1.5	-	-	5.0
9	-	-	2.2	0.6	-	-	-	-	2.8
10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
11	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	0.0
12	-	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7
13	-	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.2
14	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	0.0
15	-	0.0	2.8	0.0	-	-	-	13.0	15.8
Total		9.1	34.8	12.3	-	6.7	1.7	28.3	92.8