



Derry City & Strabane
District Council

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Ref: EIR / 854

28 October 2016

Mr
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Email: @gmail.com

Dear Mr

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Request Additional questions EIR 790 Maritime Museum

I refer to your EIR request as above and apologise for the lateness in response.

The current estimated capital cost of the project is £11.3m ex VAT. The original funding application to the HLF was made in 2012, at that time the capital cost of the project was estimated at £8.6m ex VAT. It should be noted that the scope and scale of the project has evolved considerably since 2012.

There are a number of factors that have increased the project capital cost. Below are the main factors:

- Increase in foot print of building from 2000m² to 2360m² (an increase of 18%)
- Inflationary costs, at the time of the original costing in 2012, it was anticipated that the museum would be opening in 2017. Not only has the opening changed to 2020 but the estimated % rate of inflation has been amended to reflect current construction industry forecasts.
- Increase in Optimism Bias for the Build Costs from 16.29% to 20.35%

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- Increase in cost of Museum Fit Out to reflect the World Class Visitor Attraction status of the project.
- Inclusion of costs in the project relating to former 'unknowns' such as ground conditions, archaeological works and such like.

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie
Chief Executive
Derry City and Strabane District Council
98 Strand Road
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Tel 028 71253253 or email john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Head of Culture