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Ref: EIR / 790

27 September 2016

Mr
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Email: @gmail.com

Dear Mr

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Request Information relating to Derry Maritime Museum

I refer to your EIR request as above and respond as follows:

I wish to request copies of any reports and details of meetings discussing or relating to the Derry Maritime Museum under the FOI Act.

Response: The information held on this project is 15GB in size and contains 858 folders, 4343 files, some of which are commercially sensitive and Council would be required to undertake a public interest test on whether or not the information could be released.

Under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Council has a "duty to advise and assist" and in this regard would therefore ask if you can be more specific in what information you would like to see? As you may be aware, Section 12(1) of the FOIA contains a provision which allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed a set limit known as the appropriate limit. For local authorities, this limit is set at £450 -

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the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 SI 2004 No 3244 refers. Depending on what information you require this cost may be exceeded and Council may exempt your request on these grounds.

I'd like to access details of the costing of the building, from the initial feasibility study to the estimated final cost. I trust this will include the fees paid to Ilex.

Response: No fees have been paid to Ilex to date. 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.

Also can you include any information on the projected job creation of this project, and what the listed status of the buildings now are, and the planning application details?

Response: The projected operational jobs created for the new museum is 19.5 equivalent full time (which includes a project coordinator until opening). The buildings are B2 listed buildings.

A planning application has not been submitted yet for this specific project but it has been subject to a Pre-application Discussion (PAD). We can also advise that any future planning application will be dealt with by Department for Infrastructure and not Council. They can be contacted at:

Department for Infrastructure
Departmental Co-ordination Unit
Clarence Court
10-18 Adelaide Street
Belfast
BT2 8GB
Email: dcu@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk

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
Derry BT48 7NN
Tel 028 71253253 or email john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

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

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

Yours sincerely

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