

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

RE: Braunstone Hall

1) Has the Leicester City Council clarified that the preferred bidder has a viable proposal? If no, please state the reasons why?

ANSWER

Not yet. Details of the scheme and costs are still being collated.

2) Has the preferred bidder entered into a contract for the lease of the property? If no, please state the reasons why?

No. The detailed terms of the proposed disposal have not yet been reported to the City Mayor for formal approval.

3) Will the Leicester City Council be undertaking any restoration works themselves to the property? If yes, what works will be undertaken?

Such details have not yet been decided.

4) How much financial support is available from the Leicester City Council?

The actual figure is yet to be agreed.

5) Please provide a copy of the plans that the Leicester City Council has received.

Such plans are commercially sensitive. This therefore acts as the statutory refusal notice required by section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because of the reasons contained in FOIA S43.2 – the disclosure of this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the authority holding it).

However, once contracts are entered into then a detailed planning application will be submitted which will be available for public comment.

6) Will the plans be on display to residents at a ward meeting? If yes, on what date will they be presented?

It is likely the plans will be on display at a Ward meeting. The actual date of such meeting is yet to be determined. Therefore this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

7) Has a Listed Building consent application been submitted?

This will be part of the planning process.

8) On what date will Ecology surveys be carried out?

The date is yet to be determined.

9) Will the property be fenced off? if yes, who will authorize this work, the Leicester City Council or the developer?

Yes. Subject to first obtaining Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent the purchaser will be permitted to fence the lease boundary.

10) What security measures will be put in place during renovation works?

Such measures as the purchaser considers appropriate to protect the property and its investment in the refurbishment works.

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Information and Support

Leicester City Council

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Water Lane

Wilmslow SK9 5AF

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