

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:

1) What date did Mr Naresh Parmar enter into the contract for the lease of the property?

A conditional contract was entered into on 17/9/13.

2) What are the terms and conditions of the 125 year lease contract?

As the contract is conditional at this stage, final terms for the 125 year lease contract have not been formally agreed as yet. This information is exempt under s43 of the Freedom of Information Act at this stage as we do not wish to prejudice on-going negotiations and delivery of conditions, with a view to the final contract. It would not be in the public interest at this time to reveal unfinished and in-going contract negotiations in case it prejudices those negotiations. Therefore this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

3) Will the £500,000 financial support be ring fenced?

A decision has been taken by the City Mayor to provide such funding specifically for this proposal for the Hall.

4) Please provide a List of what the £500,000 financial support will be spent on.

This will be a contribution towards the refurbishment of the property.

5) Will any facilities be made publicly available to the local community?

The scheme will provide café and toilets for park users. Commercial elements of the hall scheme will be available for public hire.

6) Please provide a list of the facilities that will be publicly available to the local community.

See answer to question 5.

7) Due to council funding being made available to Mr Naresh Parmar's proposed scheme, will there be any discount to local residents who wish to use the Hall for weddings etc? (i.e. in a similar way to the Braunstone leisure centre scheme)

No such discount scheme has been agreed by the Council with the buyer. However, if the buyer wishes to implement such a scheme that would be a decision for them.

8) Has any changes been made to the proposed plans? if yes, please state the reasons why and who requested them to be changed?

The Council has no plans beyond those displayed at the media event on 2nd May 2013. Therefore this 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'

9) Please provide a copy of the amended plans.

N/A See answer to question 8.

10) Did a public consultation take place at the Braunstone Carnival on Saturday 29th June 2013?

No.

11) Will any further Public consultation take place? if yes, please provide the venue it will take place at and when.

Public consultation will be undertaken during the planning application process. If it is decided to do this at a particular venue then such details will be released prior to any such meeting taking place.

12) Will the proposed plans be on public display at any future local ward meetings?

This is still to be confirmed. Therefore this 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'

13) Has any member of the planning department seen the proposed draft plans /or any amended plans?

Yes.

14) Has the Leicester City Council or Mr Naresh Parmar carried out a bat survey?

A bat scoping report has been undertaken.

15) Is there currently any evidence of bats roosting inside the property?

There is evidence suggesting it is very likely that bats are roosting in the property.

16) Is there any weight restrictions currently in place along Gooding Avenue, if yes, please state what the current weight restriction is.

No.

17) Please provide a List of what was vandalized inside the property in April 2013 and an estimated cost of the damage.

No such list was compiled. Therefore this 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'

18) How many sash window frames were damaged in April 2013?

See answer to question 17.

19) Please provide a List of all possible options that the Leicester City Council would most likely take to resolve the issues to bring the property back into use should Mr Naresh Parmar's proposed plans not come to fruition.

The Council does not hold the information relating to the options you have requested. Therefore this 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

20) Has a time limit been put into place by the Leicester City Council for Mr Naresh Parmar to submit his planning application? if yes, how long is the time limit?

Within seven months after Council decision following advertising of loss of public open space.

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