

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) Has the Leicester City Council seen detailed plans of the proposed scheme for the property?

ANSWER

No.

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

Not yet. Legal structure, design, costs being progressed.

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

No. This is because both the preferred bidder and LCC are establishing whether or not the proposal is viable and contracts remain under negotiation.

4) On What date did the Leicester City Council last have contact with the preferred bidder?

13th September 2012

5) On What date did the preferred bidder carry out his own surveys at the property?

We are aware that external surveys have been undertaken.

6) 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.

7) Owing to the high profile of the property, will the proposed plans be on public display?

Any complete planning application will be available for public inspection and comment.

8) Does the Leicester City Council hold a copy of the surveys that have been carried out at the property, by the preferred bidder?

No.

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

The actual figure is yet to be agreed.

10) Is there any valid reasons why the Leicester City Council can't fund the entire restoration project themselves from the Council's capital programme?

When considering options in the past the Council have not identified an internal end user and therefore have pursued disposal.

11) Have the Leicester City Council ever considered using "The Community Payback project" to clear the overgrown vegetation around the grounds of the property? If no, please state the reasons why?

No. The vegetation within the fence line is not considered to be excessive. The Hall grounds outside the fence line are managed under a maintenance contract by Parks Services.

12) Will the city mayor be attending the Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields Community Meeting held on Tuesday, 16 October?

I understand he has been invited.

13) On what date did the Leicester City Council last inspect the property?

The property is inspected on a weekly basis.

14) Does any member of the Community group, known as "The Friends of Braunstone Hall" have key access to the property? If yes, please state the reasons why?

No. Thank you for pointing out the issue with the contractor.

15) Does any member of the Community group, known as "The Friends of Braunstone Hall" have key access to the adjoining stable block and walled garden (including access to the main gates at the front of the property)? If yes, please state the reasons why?

A member of the "Friends of Braunstone Hall" has a key to the Stable yard gate but not the buildings. The key also provides access to the gate securing the walled garden. The reason is because the "Friends of Braunstone Hall" do litter picks around the Hall on the last Sunday of the month and the bagged

rubbish is put in the Stable yard for proper disposal by LCC. Also a member of the "Friends of Braunstone Hall" does occasional night time surveillance for LCC in the walled garden with the Police.

16) Are the air raid tunnels listed? if yes, please state which grade they are listed as.

The tunnels are not listed in their own right however they are likely to be considered to be Curtilage Listed Structures associated with Braunstone Hall which is listed as a Grade II property.

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