Attachment F: FOI Consultation and Consideration of Other Sites

From: FOI WBC <Foiw@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk>
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 3:16:01 PM
To: Michael Walls <mswmikey@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Wandsworth Request for Information - 2021/4808 - Tooting Common redevelopment

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Dear Mr Walls,

Thank you for your email received on 09/09/2021. Please accept our apologies for the delay. Please see the information below in response to your follow-up request: -

> **The first question, you did not indicate whether or not you hold this data. If you do, please supply it as part of the FOI process as required. If you do not, please confirm that you 'hold no data'.**
> As part of the planning application, and after the publication of the committee report, the planning service were notified about one petition which was reference in an objections from Councillors Scott Ainslie, Jonathan Bartley and Nicole Griffiths of St Leonard's Ward (Lambeth) and then submitted to Democratic Services. It made it to the late items. This was published in the Late Items of Correspondence and considered by Members as part of the assessment of the planning application: (Public Pack)Late Items of Correspondence Agenda Supplement for Planning Applications Committee, 19/05/2020 19:30 (wandsworth.gov.uk)
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> **The second question is also not answered. I have specifically asked how a policy decision has been made, and how other options on the common have been discounted. This is not the first time this issue has been brought up to you all, so I'm sure that there are some discussions/meetings/considerations that have taken place. Also, I have asked why, against a lot of opposition, this has been continually pursued, when there are alternatives to develop a different part of the common which has existing facilities. You have merely explained the premise on which you are attempting to develop this, not how you arrived at the decision that this is the best location, the best value for money, and provides the most benefit to the community. I note, that you are describing this as a floodlit field, which is technically accurate, but practically it is not as the floodlights have not been on in years! As requested originally, please provide any details regarding these issues. Simply referring to what you're doing does not fulfil the requirements under FOI legislation.**

Decision to continue in “this area of the common” The main reasons for considering this development at the Triangle are:

- Initially the proposal was put to the Council by a local resident and leisure operator who was keen to develop the existing facilities at the Triangle to provide what he considered to be much needed high quality sports facilities that would provide much needed opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to participate in sporting activities in a safe and attractive environment with a minimum of disruption/detrimental effect on others; residents and users of the wider common.
- The Council have been, and continue to be supportive of this ambition, as it is on the development of existing built facilities thus minimising the need for further, new structures and any need to encroach onto open green space given that there is a demonstrable demand for such facilities within the borough.

- In summary there are no minutes of meetings, or other correspondence which relate to this decision save for the committee reports as referred to.

Regards,

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From: Michael Walls <mswmikey@hotmail.com>
Sent: 09 September 2021 15:12
To: FOI WBC <Foiw@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Wandsworth Request for Information - 2021/4808 - Tooting Common redevelopment

Hello,

No, I do not feel that you have answered the questions as required by law.

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I look forward to your responses to my questions.

Michael

From: FOI WBC <Foiw@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:57:53 PM
To: 'Michael Walls' <mswmikey@hotmail.com>
Subject: Wandsworth Request for Information - 2021/4808 - Tooting Common redevelopment

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Wandsworth Request for Information - 2021/4808 - Tooting Common redevelopment

I refer to your request for information received on 16/08/2021. Please see the information below in response to your request: -

> **I would like to formally request the data you have from your consultation, as well as, the petition against the Tooting Common redevelopment. Specifically, I would like to know if you have this broken down by area or postcode of whether the response is reject or support? If so, could I please have that information sent to me via email.**
> Wandsworth Council has submitted an application for consent on which the Planning Inspectorate has consulted / is consulting and therefore suggest that this query may be better directed to the Planning Inspectorate.
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> **I would also like to request the information related to the decision to continuing pursing a development in this area of the common, when there are existing facilities at the bottom of the common - changing rooms, parking lot, and existing areas for sports - which could be redeveloped for this purpose, but has been discounted. I would like the minutes of any meeting, email or other correspondence which relates to this policy decision.**
> The proposals relate to the re-development of existing built / developed facilities: premises currently occupied by Balham Amateur Boxing Club, premises (with attached enclosed "garden" area) formerly occupied by the Triangle One O'Clock centre, and an outdoor artificial surfaced (red-gra) sports playing pitch (floodlit and currently unfenced). Please refer to paper no. 16-451 which approved award of a contract to TFC and authorised advertising the Council's intention to dispose of the facilities by means of a 25 year lease and Paper no. 18-432 which considered objections (4) to the intention to dispose (by lease), confirmed closure of the children's centre, authorised entering into an agreement to lease and a lease, and completion of a service delivery contract subject to TFC gaining the necessary (planning) consents:
> PAPER NO (wandsworth.gov.uk)
> Search results for 18-432 - Wandsworth Borough Council

I hope this information meets your needs. If you do not understand the information provided or wish to discuss anything further, please feel free to contact me and I, or another member of the team will be able to assist you.

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at: https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/

Regards,

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From: Michael Walls <mswmikey@hotmail.com>
Sent: 16 August 2021 10:19
To: FOI WBC <Foiw@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk>
Subject: FOI - Tooting Common Triangle Redevelopment

Hello,

I would like to formally request the data you have from your consultation, as well as, the petition against the Tooting Common redevelopment. Specifically, I would like to know if you have this broken down by area or postcode of whether the response is reject or support? If so, could I please have that information sent to me via email.

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Thank You,
Michael Walls