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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF NEW COVENT GARDEN MARKET

Thank you for your request for information about the proposals for the redevelopment of the Covent Garden Market and the initial processes that were undertaken, which we received on **27 March 2014**. As you know we have been handling your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I enclose copies of the information that can be disclosed:

- The full Price Waterhouse Coopers Report of 2005/2006. As you will see from the disclaimer included within the report, the report is addressed to, and prepared for, DEFRA and were not prepared with the interests of anyone other than DEFRA in mind. On this basis, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP do not accept any duty or responsibility to any other party.

We have removed appendix c of the report which contains names of the people PWC interviewed for data protection reasons. People interviewed include:

- five representatives from Defra
- six representatives from Covent Garden Authority (CGMA)
- two representatives from the Shareholder Executive
- one representative from the Corporation of London
- one representative from Westminster Council
- two representatives the London Borough of Wandsworth
- five representatives from Covent Garden Market Tenants Association
- a representative of Covent Garden Market Tenants Association who was also interviewed as a tenant
- two representatives from the Transport and General Workers' Union
- a representative from the Management Advisory Committee
- two representatives from the Flowers and Plant Association



- two representatives from the Fresh Produce Consortium
 - two representatives from the National Farmers' Union
 - seven market traders
 - five other representatives from organisations which include English Partnerships and British Waterways.
- A copy of the Feasibility Project Study carried out by KPMG. Please note the only document we have by KPMG is the 'Economic Impacts of CGMA Redevelopment Options' and I am enclosing a copy of this.
 - Copies of instructions from HM Government with regard to the objectives sought by HM Government for the redevelopment, as well as any limitations on the Authority in regard to the level and/or type of expenditure in the course of the redevelopment including the replacement of the Market's and tenants' existing fixtures and fittings

Defra does not hold the remainder of the information you requested:

- documentation comparing and/or commenting on the original Outline Specification provided to the tendering developers for the redevelopment of the Market and the specification agreed with the chosen developer partner in the agreement of the conditional contract for the redevelopment.
- documentation setting out the details of remuneration and bonus proposals between individual employees and independent consultants and the Authority upon successful completion of individual milestones achieved during the redevelopment. You are probably aware that information about CGMA staff pay is in the Covent Garden Market Authority Report and Accounts

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, and in keeping with the government's Transparency Agenda, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you will now be published on www.gov.uk together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. Please note that this will not include your personal data.

I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Food Policy Unit, Defra

Annex A

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