



Date: 7 January 2022
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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI3715

Thank you for your request for information which was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested the following information:

Ramboll are currently preparing a geo-environmental assessment of a site on in Wednesbury, within the area of the former Ocker Hill Power Plant, now occupied by the Parkway Industrial Estate. We understand that a site investigation may have been undertaken and remedial works may have been carried out prior to the development of the site, when it was administered by the Black Country Development Corporation (BCDC), however we have not been able to access details of these works or their findings.

I've spoken to ██████████ in your archives department and understand there to be several documents on file relating to the BCDC and 'Ocker Hill' or 'Leabrook Road' (common historical references for the site). We would like to request information on any documents relating to these place names from the Black Country Development Corporation which may relate to the site shown in the attached plan, with a view to requesting copies of any of these documents which do appear relevant.

Response

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information. Please see the below Schedules which contain a list of the documents that we do hold in relation to Black Country Development Corporation.

LAND AT LEABROOK ROAD & BANNISTER ROAD WEDNESBURY		
Date	Document Type	Parties
	MISC. DOCS	VARIOUS
31/03/1993	CONVEYANCE	BRITISH RIALWAYS BOARD [1] BCDC [2]
02/05/2000	OFFICE COPY & PLAN	BRITISH WATERWAYS BOARD

Along with the above Deed packet, we also hold another 'LAND FRONTING LEABROOK ROAD WEDNESBURY (PATENT SHAFT SITE)' which contain other related documents.



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LAND AT LEABROOK ROAD WEDNESBURY (METRO PARKWAY & PARKWAY PHASE 4) SANDWELL		
Date	Document Type	Parties
06/03/1998	AGREEMENT FOR SALE	BCDC [1] ECHO ESTATES LIMITED [2]
20/03/1998	TRANSFER	BCDC [1] ECHO ESTATES LIMITED [2]

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. To comply with this duty we are able to advise that these Deed packets do not contain environmental information. When Homes England were known previously as English Partnerships (between 1999 and 2008), all borehole data files were identified and transferred to British Geological Survey ([Welcome to BGS - British Geological Survey](#)). The entries for files transferred would still be listed on our index therefore, from our records we have determined that we did not hold any relevant files from Black Country Development Corporation in relation to geo-environmental data. However, if you did want to see any of the listed documents above, we will be able to process this as a new Freedom of Information request.

Right to Appeal

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled, you may request an internal review. You can request an internal review by writing to Homes England via the details below, quoting the reference number at the top of this letter.

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Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for review will be passed to an independent party not involved in your original request. We aim to issue a response within 20 working days.

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link:

<https://ico.org.uk/>



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Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

The Information Governance Team

For Homes England

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