

Freedom of Information request reference number: 6736.1

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Request:

Re: 8 Albert Embankment (Planning Inspectorate reference APP/N5660/V/20/3254203)

1. A copy of LFB's legal or planning advice regarding the Secretary of State's decision (27th October 2021) not to give planning permission for LFB's planning application at 8 Albert Embankment, including analysis of the reasons for rejection by the planning inspectorate.

2. A copy of any report to the management of the LFB, from either an internal or external source regarding the LFB process for obtaining a development at 8 Albert Embankment (which was refused by the Secretary of State (27th October 2021)).

Response:

Please see my response to your queries in turn below:

1. A copy of LFB's legal or planning advice regarding the Secretary of State's decision (27th October 2021) not to give planning permission for LFB's planning application at 8 Albert Embankment, including analysis of the reasons for rejection by the planning inspectorate.

The London Fire Brigade's legal planning advice is exempt from disclosure. It is covered by legal professional privilege and may also contain other sensitive and confidential legal material which should not be disclosed. [Section 42 of the FOIA](#) provides an exemption to disclosure in cases where information is covered by legal professional privilege.

2. A copy of any report to the management of the LFB, from either an internal or external source regarding the LFB process for obtaining a development at 8 Albert Embankment (which was refused by the Secretary of State (27th October 2021)).

All public reports related to the development of 8 Albert Embankment are part of a full public procurement process.

Please see the links below to the signed and published decisions, on the decisions webpage.

[LFC-0690 8 Albert Embankment/Lambeth Fire Station Condition – Investment and Maintenance](#)

[LFC-0282y 8 Albert Embankment – RRT and Lambeth Decant Works](#)
[LFC -0265y LFB Museum Project](#)

(Part 1) update reports on progress since the date stated above have been published on the [LFB](#) and [GLA websites](#) .

As a result they are exempt via [Section 21](#) of the FOIA - Information accessible to applicant by other means.

The Part 1 report to the Fire and Resilience Board on 26 July 2022 has had publication delayed for a few weeks until early September 2022. As this report is intended for future publication it is exempt under [Section 22](#) of the FOIA – future publication

We are not obliged, under section 22 of the FOIA, to provide information that is intended for future publication.

Section 22 is a qualified exemption. This means that, even if the requested information falls within it, then I must go on to consider whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information at the present time. As the information is of wider interest to the public, the decision has been made to make the information accessible simultaneously to the general public rather than continue with a piecemeal disclosure to a small number of individuals under the FOIA. Therefore, it is in the wider interest that information is accessible to the public by adhering to a new publication schedule and, as such, is withheld from disclosure at this current time.

This also applies to all non-public Part 2 reports issued since October 2021 which have both s22 FOIA delayed publication dates and [FOIA section 43\(3\)](#) prejudicial to commercial interests' exemptions. The options for future redevelopment are currently confidential and include a live price sensitive negotiation.

I am sorry this is not the response you hoped for. Should you have any further questions please do let me know.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request [on our website](#)