

**Freedom of Information request reference number:** 7434.1

**Date of response:** 24 May 2023

**Request:**

*I am writing to request access to the following information held by the London Fire Brigade:*

- 1. copies of communication within the London Fire Brigade with regard to the future development of the site at 8 Albert Embankment since the Secretary of State's decision in June 2021 to refuse planning permission*
- 2. copies of communications between the London Fire Brigade and the developer U+I with regard to the future development of the site at 8 Albert Embankment since the Secretary of State's decision in June 2021 to refuse planning permission*

**Response:**

Please see my response to your queries in turn below:

**1. Copies of communication within the London Fire Brigade with regard to the future development of the site at 8 Albert Embankment since the Secretary of State's decision in June 2021 to refuse planning permission**

Please see our published response to FOIA6736.1 <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/media/6960/foia-67361-response-8-albert-embankment-planning.pdf>

This includes links to the published reports related to the development of Albert Embankment. Other communication and correspondence are exempt under [Section 42](#) legal professional privilege and [Section 43\(2\) of FOIA](#) commercial interests

Section 42 legal professional privilege covers information held by the LFB which contains sensitive and confidential legal material which should not be disclosed.

Section 43(2) of FOIA commercial interests - disclosure would prejudice the commercial interests of LFB as no new planning application has yet been made and the parties are negotiating on the scheme and viability issues.

**2. copies of communications between the London Fire Brigade and the developer U+I with regard to the future development of the site at 8 Albert Embankment since the Secretary of State's decision in June 2021 to refuse planning permission**

Communications between LFB and the developer U+I is exempt under [Section 43\(2\) of FOIA](#) commercial interests - disclosure would prejudice the commercial interests of both LFB and U+I as no new planning application has yet been made and the parties are negotiating on the scheme and viability issues.

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](#)