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Mr Darryl Chamberlain  
Via email

Date: **28 January 2021**

Dear Mr Chamberlain,

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - 12805926**

Thank you for your request for information which was received on 1 November 2021 and has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

*I would like to know more about the bid by the Royal Borough of Greenwich for Levelling Up Fund money for Winter Garden Cultural - ref LUF0036.*

*Could you please:*

- a) Tell me how much Greenwich Council bid for*
- b) Send me the council's bid document(s)*
- c) Send me the scoring of the bid and any other assessment of its merits*
- d) Tell me whether the bid was shortlisted (as described here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/levelling-up-fund-explanatory-note-on-the-assessment-and-decision-making-process#luf-bids-received-and-gateway-stage-of-assessment> )*
- e) Tell me what other unsuccessful bids were received from London boroughs, and how much each bid was for*

We can confirm that the information requested is held by the Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities and we are able to provide you with some of this information as explained below.

**a) Tell me how much Greenwich Council bid for**  
The bid value was £4,743,974.00.

**b) Send me the council's bid document(s)**

This information is exempt under section 43(2) of the FOI Act as disclosing it would be likely to harm commercial interests.

Information falling within this exemption must still be provided unless it is not in the public interest to do so.

There will always be some general public interest in the disclosure of internal government information in order to promote transparency and accountability of public authorities. The Department recognises that this allows for the scrutiny of government policy and decision-making processes, in particular with regards to increasing public understanding of competitive bidding processes for central government funding.

However, this information was submitted in expectation of confidentiality and if it were disclosed would be likely to result in an adverse impact on the unsuccessful bidders' commercial interests, which would clearly not be in the public interest.

We have therefore decided that, on balance, it is not in the public interest to disclose this information at this time.

In addition, the bid documents contain some personal data. This information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOI Act as it is personal, about another individual and, as that person could not reasonably expect that his or her personal information would be disclosed, doing so would breach UK data protection legislation.

**c) Send me the scoring of the bid and any other assessment of its merits;**

**d) Tell me whether the bid was shortlisted (as described here:**

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This information is exempt from disclosure under section 35(1)(a) of the FOI Act as it relates to the development of government policy.

Information falling within this exemption must still be provided unless it is not in the public interest to do so.

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However, the Department must also consider the public interest which lies in maintaining a "safe space" in which policy officials and Ministers are able to reach policy decisions away from external interference and distraction. Details of scoring and shortlisting processes will be used to inform future rounds of the Levelling Up Fund which are currently under development. Disclosure of these details would unacceptably erode the aforementioned "safe space" and would be liable to cause a "chilling effect" on general policy making.

We have therefore decided that, on balance, it is not in the public interest to disclose this information at this time.

**e) Tell me what other unsuccessful bids were received from London boroughs, and how much each bid was for:**

- Waltham Forest – ‘Waltham Forest Central Station’ - £19,970,000.00
- Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea – ‘Improvements to Ladbroke Grove Underground Station’ - £17.5m
- Westminster – ‘Westminster Council - Oxford Street’ - £20m
- Greater London Authority – ‘Beam Park Station’ - £9.1m
- Hillingdon – ‘Plus X Powerhouse’ - £3,052,967.81
- Camden – ‘Talacre Sports Centre Package’ - £2,745,000.00
- Enfield – ‘Edmonton Silver Links’ - £14,880,193.20
- Enfield – ‘Enfield Chase Cultural Gateway’ - £18,430,000.20
- Haringey – ‘Bruce Castle Museum’ - £6.93m
- Havering – ‘Rainham and South Hornchurch’ - £20m
- Kingston – ‘Go Cycle’ - £29.5m
- Southwark – ‘Peckham Rye Station’ - £25m
- Sutton – ‘Belmont Twin Track Reinstatement Scheme’ - £29,459,497.00

**Complaints procedure**

If you are unhappy with this response, we will review it and report back to you. (This is called an internal review.) If you want us to do this, let us know by return email within two months of receiving this response. You can also ask by letter addressed to:

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities  
Knowledge and Information Access Team  
4th Floor SE, Fry Building  
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If you are unhappy with the outcome of this internal review, you can ask the independent Information Commissioner to investigate. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at email address [casewoxx@xxx.xxx.xx](mailto:casewoxx@xxx.xxx.xx) or use their online form at [ico.org.uk/concerns](https://ico.org.uk/concerns) or call them on 0303 123 1113.

Kind regards,

**Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities FOI Team**