

Request No: ELIR00414

Received: 05.08.24

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Subject / Request: Hall 1 Planning - Lighting Meadowbank Sports Centre

I am writing to request information on the planning procedure of Hall 1 in Meadowbank Sports Centre. The reason for my request is that I believe the low lighting along courts 1-4 to be inadequate for playing racquet sports and I want to know which guidelines were followed before seeking to have it improved.

1. Firstly, I am told that consultations were held with organisations such as Badminton Scotland with regards to the planning of the hall. I would like to know what discussions took place with all stakeholders regarding Hall 1. Particularly what role/stake they had, what EL asked of them, whether these consultations were off-site/remote or on-site, and whether they took place before, during, or after the hall was considered fit for play by them.
2. Furthermore, I would like to know what the technical building specifications and standards specific to the hall lighting are. Specifically, the number of lights which should be installed and their locations on the ceiling and what the required light intensity range is (stating minimum and maximum levels) for the hall. If this information is already in the public domain and readily accessible, I'd appreciate if you could direct me to it, but if not then please consider this a formal request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Our Response

Partial Release of Information

Unfortunately, Edinburgh Leisure is only able to meet part of your request; this information is released to you now in the format requested.

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Response

Edinburgh Leisure was involved as a stakeholder in the project build of the New Meadowbank as we would ultimately be managing the venue on behalf of The City of Edinburgh Council (CEC).

The project was led by The City of Edinburgh Council and the main contractors were Graham Construction.

The redevelopment of Meadowbank was a major Council led regeneration project to deliver a modern sports centre with new homes and community facilities on the surrounding site. The redevelopment intended to help to improve health and wellbeing, protect mature trees and reduce carbon.

We can provide the following:

Documents Released

1. FW_New Meadowbank consultees_Redacted – email regarding consultation
2. FW_New Meadowbank plans and feedback opportunity_Redacted - – email regarding consultation
3. Meadowbank Sports Centre_engagement matrix_August 16_Redacted - details consultees that CEC planned to meet/correspond with for the Stage C design consultation
4. Comments from both Public Consultation Events_Redacted – comments from the public consultations held by CEC
5. Stakeholders review for MSC re-development –stakeholder analysis for consultation
6. 3789 MSC Public Consultation Document – CEC document
7. 8941-Case Study Meadowbank – Graham Construction document

[Investments - Residential - Edinburgh Meadowbank - Graham](#)

The City of Edinburgh Council conducted pre-planning consultation opened 10 November 2016 and closed 31 Dec 2016.

[The New Meadowbank Sports Centre and Masterplan: Pre-planning consultation - City of Edinburgh Council - Citizen Space](#)

CEC also conducted two public information events in Nov 2016.

I've included a copy of the Public Consultation PDF (3789 MSC Public Consultation Document) which can be accessed at the above link.

There's also information on the CEC website regarding MSC regeneration.

[Meadowbank regeneration – The City of Edinburgh Council](#)

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Application of exceptions

Regulation 11: Personal Data.

Edinburgh Leisure has provided you with all the documents mentioned above however we have redacted the personal data of all third parties from the documents.

Under the terms of the EIRs, a request for information can be refused where one or more exceptions listed in the legislation apply. In this instance, Edinburgh Leisure is applying the following exception to the information that you have requested: **Regulation 11: Personal Data.**

Exception(s)	Regulation 11 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004
Why exception(s) applies	<p>Regulation 11 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs) sets out when personal data can and cannot be disclosed under the EIRs. Regulation 10(3) makes it clear that, where a request for environmental information includes personal data, the personal data must not be made available (i.e. disclosed) otherwise than in accordance with regulation 11.</p> <p>Personal data must not be disclosed if it is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the personal data of the person requesting the information (regulation 11(1)); • the personal data of a third party – and other conditions apply (regulation 11(2)). <p>The exceptions in regulation 11 regulate the relationship between the EIRs, the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.</p>
Public Interest	The exceptions in regulation 11 are generally absolute, which means that they are not subject to the public interest test. However, in two specific situations, the exception in regulation 11(2) is subject to the public interest test. This means that, even if the exception applies, the personal data must be disclosed unless, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in making the personal data available is outweighed by the public interest in not making it available.
Duration	Regulation 11 applies regardless of how old the information is. In practice, this will be limited because the provisions can only be applied if the information relates to living individuals. The exceptions do not apply to personal information of deceased people.

Please note that this letter constitutes a formal refusal notice under regulation 11 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

Information Not Held

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with the information requested below as it is not held by Edinburgh Leisure. Edinburgh Leisure is therefore relying on the exception in regulation 10(4)(a) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

Under the terms of the legislation, a request for information can be refused where one or more exceptions listed in the legislation apply. In this instance, Edinburgh Leisure is claiming the following exceptions to the information that you have requested.

Information which is the subject of the request and is not held	Furthermore, I would like to know what the technical building specifications and standards specific to the hall lighting are. Specifically, the number of lights which should be installed and their locations on the ceiling and what the required light intensity range is (stating minimum and maximum levels) for the hall. If this information is already in the public domain and readily accessible, I'd appreciate if you could direct me to it, but if not then please consider this a formal request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
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Information which is being withheld	<p>Edinburgh Leisure does not hold the information requested above as the project was led by The City of Edinburgh Council.</p> <p>The project lead along with the CEC sport club liaison should hold this information. The main contractors were Graham Construction.</p> <p>Edinburgh Leisure were involved on an 'as and when' basis. The main specification should be held by CEC.</p> <p>We believe that all, or part of the information you seek is held by The City of Edinburgh Council who can be contacted at:</p> <p>Make a Freedom of Information request Instructions – The City of Edinburgh Council</p> <p>We advise that you contact CEC with the same questions, they should be able to provide you with the technical specification and standards.</p>
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This refusal notice is provided in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations. You have requested certain environmental information which we are unable to disclose to you. Further information about this decision is set out below.

Exception(s)	Regulation 10(4)(a) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004
Why exception(s) applies	Regulation 10(4)(a) applies as the requested information about the technical building specifications and standards specific to the hall lighting are. Specifically, the number of lights which should be installed

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Public Interest	Edinburgh Leisure does not hold information requested and therefore cannot assess the public interest in making the information available as no information is held on the matter.

Please note that this letter constitutes a formal refusal notice under regulation 10(4) (a) and regulation 13 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

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