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Our Ref: FOI 8551

14 February 2012

Dear xxxx,

Thameslink FOI Request 8551

I am in receipt of your request relating to information about the London Bridge station planning application which we received on 19 January 2012. I am writing to confirm that the Department for Transport has now completed its search for the information which you requested.

You requested:

Copies of all internal correspondence such as emails, memos, draft reports, notes of telephone calls, agendas and minutes in relation to Network Rail's planning application for the redevelopment of London Bridge station. This is between the following organisations: DfT and Network Rail and/or DCMS and/or English Heritage and the GLA regarding the demolition of the South Eastern Railway Offices (64-84 Tooley Street), the Driver shed wall (grade ii listed number 1385808) and the attached railway arches (grade ii listed number 1400290).

The Department holds limited information on the London Bridge station planning application as this is being led by Network Rail. However, the information we do hold in answer to your request is attached at Annex A. The names have been withheld pursuant to section 40(2) and 40(3) of the Freedom of Information as disclosure could contravene data protection principles. In applying exemptions we are required to balance the public interest in withholding the relevant information against the public interest in disclosure. Exemption section 40 is an absolute exemption, and therefore not subject to a Public Interest Test (PIT).

If you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to the Department's Information Rights Unit at:

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Hastings
East Sussex TN37 7GA
E-mail: FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter about the way in which your request for information was handled and/or about the decision not to disclose all or part of the information requested. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its FOI publication scheme.

Your complaint will be acknowledged and you will be advised of a target date by which to expect a response. Initially your complaint will be re-considered by the official who dealt with your request for information. If, after careful consideration, that official decides that his/her decision was correct, your complaint will automatically be referred to a senior independent official who will conduct a further review. You will be advised of the outcome of your complaint and if a decision is taken to disclose information originally withheld this will be done as soon as possible.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

Extract from: Network Rail Document 10 May 2011

LONDON BRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT
PRE-PLANNING APPLICATION Q & A

What about the arches on St Thomas Street?

The arches immediately underneath the trainshed wall will need to be removed to create the new concourse entrance – which is being designed to look similar to the arches that remain.

The arches further east are not affected by the redevelopment of the station and we're looking at ways that they might be improved.

Q Haven't you opposed their listing?

An application has been made to English Heritage to see the arches listed. As the arches owner, we have made a submission to English Heritage as part of this process.

It's a decision for English Heritage and, whether the arches are listed or not, we'll be looking to work with tenants and other interested parties to respect the arches history and provide for their future.

Why is 84 Tooley Street being demolished?

Throughout the design for the new London Bridge station, we've tried to respect the station's heritage and that of the surrounding area, whilst equipping it for the future. These are difficult needs to balance.

Demolishing 84 Tooley Street will create the space outside the station for the passengers using the entrance. It will help provide natural light for the concourse and create a high quality public realm area outside the station.

From Network Rail
To DfT
16/01/12
13.43

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See below - I am on a BB so haven't read the note myself

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From: xxxx
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2012 12:36 PM
To: xxxx
Subject: Fw: Southwark letter for DfT

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As previously requested letter from Southwark confirming outcome of 20th Dec Committee.

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From: xxxx
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2012 12:31 PM
To: xxxx
Cc: xxxx
Subject: Southwark letter for DfT

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Attached is the letter from xxxx confirming that the Council resolved to approve all 4 applications, I hope this is sufficient for the DfT, as soon as we receive the official minutes of the 20 Dec committee meeting I will also forward this on

Kind regards

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Your Ref:

Our Ref: 11-AP-1987

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Date: 16/01/2012

Dear Mrs. Mortimer

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)
APPLICATION FOR FULL PLANNING PERMISSION

At: LONDON BRIDGE STATION SITE BOUNDED BY TOOLEY STREET (INCLUDING 64-84) ,
JOINER STREET, ST THOMAS STREET AND BERMONDSEY STREET, LONDON SE1
Proposal: Application made under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental
Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 seeking demolition of listed train
shed, part of St Thomas Street wall, 64-84 Tooley Street, and arches together with closure of
Weston Street and Stainer Street in order to provide a new station layout including:
construction of a new street-level station concourse, new replacement facades on Tooley
Street and St Thomas Street, new roof canopies, landscaping and other works associated with
the station. Land use is to comprise station concourse, station ancillary space, operational car
park, station loading bay, Class 'A' retail uses, and leisure (Class D1, D2 and sui generis uses).

I am writing to confirm the outcome of the planning committee meeting on 20th December
when this application was considered along with 2 related applications for Listed Building
Consent and an application for Conservation Area Consent. The committee resolved to
approve all 4 applications. The Planning Permission is subject to referral to both the
Secretary of State and the London Mayor and the completion of a S106 legal agreement.
The referrals have been made and the outcome of these is expected shortly. The legal
agreement is being progressed. The formal minutes of the December Planning Committee
will be approved and made public following the next scheduled meeting which is at the end
of this month.

Yours sincerely

Gordon Adams
Senior Planner - Major Applications

From NR
To DfT
12/01/12
17.15

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See below from xxxx
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From: xxxx
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 03:49 PM
To: xxxx
Subject: FW: GLA referral letter

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Please find attached GLA Referral letter for forwarding to xxxx. With regard to confirmation from Southwark re the "resolution to approve" from the planning committee we have requested that xxxx writes to confirm this in advance of the formal issue of the minutes of the planning committee meeting and expect this early next week.

Regards
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From: xxxx
Sent: 12 January 2012 15:03
To: xxxx
Cc: xxxx
Subject: GLA referral letter

xxxx,

Please find attached a copy of LB Southwark's referral letter to the GLA.

Regards,

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Our ref 11-AP-1987
Your ref PDU/2729

04 January 2012

Dear Matt,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (MAYOR OF LONDON) ORDER 2008 – STAGE II
REFERRAL**

In accordance with the above Directions, I enclose for your consideration the following planning application.

Site Address: LONDON BRIDGE STATION SITE BOUNDED BY TOOLEY STREET (INCLUDING 64-84) , JOINER STREET, ST THOMAS STREET AND BERMONDSEY STREET, LONDON SE1

Name of Applicant: Network Rail

Description of development: Application made under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 seeking demolition of listed train shed, part of St Thomas Street wall, 64-84 Tooley Street, and arches together with closure of Weston Street and Stainer Street in order to provide a new station layout including: construction of a new street-level station concourse, new replacement facades on Tooley Street and St Thomas Street, new roof canopies, landscaping and other works associated with the station. Land use is to comprise station concourse, station ancillary space, operational car park, station loading bay, Class 'A' retail uses, and leisure (Class D1, D2 and *sui generis* uses).

The following documents are submitted:

1. a copy of any representations made to the authority in respect of the application
2. the committee report
3. the heads of terms of the Section 106 legal agreement (within committee report and addendum)
4. committee Addendum report
5. the draft decision notices

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon Adams'.

Gordon Adams
Senior Planner
Major Applications

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Switchboard - 020 7525 5000 **Website -** www.southwark.gov.uk

Meeting Notes

The tables below contain the extracts from notes and agendas in date order of meetings that involve DfT and NR where London Bridge Station planning application has been discussed.

Programme Delivery Group

Meeting Date	Ref	Description		Status	Action
02/02/2011	5.1	NR is working with the new architects, Grimshaws, to improve the look of the Tooley Street and St Thomas Street elevations. The drawings are to be submitted to LB Southwark on 10/2/11 prior to a meeting with NR on 16/2/11.	For info		
25/05/2011	4.3	Public responses were generally positive. Much interest centred on the dismantling of features of Tooley Street. Some questions focussed on how the station redevelopment would affect access to London Underground.	For info		
25/05/2011	4.6	The consultation was lobbied by Bermondsey Village Action Group, who wish to manage railway arches at the Bermondsey end of the station complex. NR stated that this was unlikely to marry with its own plans for the arches.	4.6		
14/09/2011	5.1	English Heritage is re-evaluating their decision not to grade-list 64-84 Tooley Street following an appeal from the Victorian Society. An upheld listing application would significantly impact upon the station design; Network Rail is currently exploring the impact on passenger flows if the building were to be listed.	For info		

Programme Board

Meeting Date	Ref	Description	Status		Action
14/02/2011	5.1	NR is meeting LB Southwark, English Heritage and GLA on 16 February to discuss revised drawings which seek to address concerns about the look of Tooley Street and St Thomas Street elevations. If discussions go well, the timetable for public consultation will be formalised.	For info		

Key Output 2 Development Group Meeting

19/05/2011	3.2	There are still outstanding issues concerning English Heritage regarding the old train shed roof and 84 Tooley Street. The expected date of the end of year when the outcome of the planning process is expected to be settled includes a three month period of challenge to contest the planning committee decision. NR will assemble and circulate a synopsis of the planning application from submission to determination.	XX	16 June 2011	
14/07/2011	3.3	XX also confirmed that a listing application had been made for 84 Tooley Street.	For info		
08/09/2011	4.2	Further to a challenge from the proponents of the listing. English Heritage (EH) are re-evaluating their decision not to grade-list 84 Tooley Street. Should EH list the building the planning committee hearing for London Bridge station is likely to be delayed.	For info		