

Liz Peace CBE

Chair
Old Oak and Park Development Corporation (OPDC)
(sent via email)

17 December 2019

Dear Liz,

Re: New focus for Old Oak and Park Royal regeneration

The Committee was surprised to learn on Friday 13 December 2019 from a press release that the OPDC has adopted a new approach. The Committee is disappointed that we did not hear this news directly from you, given the keen interest we have shown in the regeneration of Old Oak and Park Royal.

As you are aware, the Budget & Performance Committee formally resolved, at its meeting on 26 September 2019, to exercise its powers under Section 61 of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended) to require that the OPDC provide:

- The Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) Business Case submission to the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government;
- The 26 conditions to be satisfied for the receipt of the £250 million HIF funding award; and
- The OPDC response to the ARUP road alignment.

The OPDC responded on 10 October 2019 and provided the documents required but advised the Committee to treat the documents as confidential, as set out in the letter from David Lunts, [here](#). The Committee – noting the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 – respected your request.

From the 'New focus for Old Oak and Park Royal regeneration' press release from Friday 13 December 2019, it's clear that the OPDC will no longer be progressing the provisional award of £250m of funding from the Government's Housing Infrastructure Fund in its current form for Old Oak North.

Given this change of approach the Committee now believes that the sensitivity around these documents no longer applies. The Mayor is committed to transparency and openness, as is the Assembly. As such, I'm sure that the OPDC and the MHCLG have no objections to now making these documents publicly available.

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The Committee looks forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gareth Bacon', followed by a small period.

Gareth Bacon AM MP
Chairman of the Budget and Performance Committee