

08/10/2024

Re: Freedom of Information request 202422 – Request Refused.

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received the 10th of September 2024, which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by the Land Development Agency (LDA). Your request sought:

- *information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the acquisition of land for the Dundrum Hospital. Specifically, I am seeking details on the total amount paid by the Land Development Authority for the purchase of the land designated for this project. If multiple transactions or agreements took place, please include all relevant figures or provide a breakdown if possible.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 08th of October 2024.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access.

On foot of your request, I contacted the relevant business units within the LDA to identify records held which were within the scope of your request.

In this regard, I am to advise you that no such records have been identified as sought by you.

Therefore, I must refuse your request as the record sought does not exist and do so pursuant to Section 15(1)(a) of the Act. Section 15(1)(a) states that:

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

15(1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where-
(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken,

This office has been informed that the land at Dundrum Central is in the legal ownership of the Office of Public Works (OPW). The Land Development Agency has not transferred any monies in relation to legally acquiring the land from them, at this point in time.

2. Right of Appeal

In the event that you are unhappy with this decision you may appeal against it. If you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Land Development Agency, Ashford House, Tara Street, Dublin 2 or by e-mail to foi@lda.ie.

Please note that a fee applies. This fee has been set at €30 (€10 for a Medical Card holder). Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque, and made payable to Head of Finance, Land Development Agency, Ashford House, Tara Street, Dublin 2.

Payment can be made by electronic means, using the following details:

The Land Development Agency DAC
IE61AIBK93101264101092
BIC: AIBKIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (**FOI 202422**) is included in the payment details.

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks of the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding the weekend and public holidays. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

Please be advised that the Land Development Agency replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website at lda.ie.

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone on (01) 9103400.

Yours sincerely,



Monika Szyszko,
Senior Compliance Manager