

08/01/2025

Re: Freedom of Information request 202425 – Request Refused.

Dear

I refer to your request dated 12th of November 2024 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by this FOI body, as well as our letter of the 13th of November.

“A copy of all correspondence from and to LDA chief executive John Coleman mentioning the price of affordable-purchase homes being delivered by the LDA in the Dublin area.”

“can you please search for record in this calendar year – so January 1st 2024 to November 12th, 2024.”

I wish to inform you that I have decided to Refuse your request on January 08th, 2025.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

Upon receipt of your request, it was forwarded to the relevant section within the LDA for search and retrieval of records within the scope of your request. I was informed in response that the request was too broad and required a reduction of scope in regards with whom the Chief Executive was corresponding with in the requested records, we notified you of this in our letter on the 13th of November, 2024. To date we have received no response from you.

Therefore, I am refusing your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which states:

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests.

I wish to inform you that I am refusing this section of your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(b) and (c) of the FOI Act.

*15.(1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where—
(b) the FOI request does not comply with section 12 (1)(b),
(c) in the opinion of the head, granting the request would, by reason of the number or nature of the records concerned or the nature of the information*

concerned, require the retrieval and examination of such number of records or an examination of such kind of the records concerned as to cause a substantial and unreasonable interference with or disruption of work (including disruption of work in a particular functional area) of the FOI body concerned,

Section 12 (1)(b) states

12.(1) A person who wishes to exercise the right of access shall make a request, in writing or in such other form as may be determined, addressed to the head of FOI body concerned for access to the record concerned:

(b) containing sufficient particulars in relation to the information concerned to enable the record to be identified by the taking of reasonable steps.

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, 4th Floor, 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, 4th Floor, 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 202425**) is included in the payment details.

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from 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,



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Senior Compliance Manager