

21 September 2012

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 4 September 2012, in which you have requested information relating to of Croydon Council's planned approach to creating a legacy in the community after the current Olympics. Specifically, you have requested the following:

"Further to the end of a successful olympics, I would like to enquire to the nature of the local authorities planned approach to creating a legacy in the community i.e. play equipment, sports centres, community sports days, funding for local school facilities etc."

Your request has been considered under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I can confirm the following.

A recent programme of renewals and refurbishment has been undertaken and a number of play facilities across the borough have been renewed as part of the council's Parks to be Proud of initiative. There is no additional planned play equipment as a result of the Olympics but should any new funding be made available we will consider additional refurbishments.

New facilities or improvements for sport in Croydon include:

A new leisure centre in Waddon with a 25m pool, gym, sports hall and dance/exercise studios; a recently refurbished gym at Thornton Heath Leisure Centre, with forthcoming improvements, to incorporate a soft play area and improved catering and recent refurbishment at South Norwood Leisure Centre to install new and extended gym facilities and two dance/exercise studios. There is also planned rebuilding of Quest Academy School and adjoining sports centre, involving a significant upgrade to the existing sports facilities.

If you are dissatisfied with the way the council has handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act you may ask for an internal review. This should be submitted to us within 40 working days of this response. You can do this by outlining the details of your complaint by:

Email: information@croydon.gov.uk

Writing: Complaint Resolution Team
London Borough of Croydon
Taberner House
Park Lane
Croydon, CR9 3JS

Any requests received after the 40 working day time limit will be considered only at the discretion of the council.

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
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

Information Co-ordinator