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Dear Mr

I refer to your request of 8 August 2007 under the Freedom of Information Act for information on the accommodation of Harrow Borough OCU.

Please find the links below to a number of committee reports, which refer to Harrow Borough OCU.

Accommodation for Harrow Borough OCU headquarters - Estates Sub-committee 18 September 2001

<http://www.mpa.gov.uk/committees/x-f-e/2001/010918/07.htm>

Accommodation for Harrow Borough OCU Headquarters - Finance, Planning & Best Value Committee 4 October 2001

<http://www.mpa.gov.uk/committees/f/2001/011004/15.htm>

Harrow is also mentioned in a report on accessibility to police station front offices by disabled members of the community - Finance Committee 7 December 2004

<http://www.mpa.gov.uk/committees/f/2004/041207/11.htm>

We also hold a copy of the Harrow Asset Management Plan. Our decision regarding the release of this document is given below.

#### **DECISION**

I am afraid that we are unable to release the Harrow Asset Management Plan, as there are exemptions, which we consider prevent us doing so.

#### **REASON FOR DECISION**

We believe that this document is commercially sensitive and that the following exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 apply:

Section 43 Commercial interests

#### **Section 43**

We believe that the disclosure of this information would prejudice both the commercial interests of the MPA/MPS.

This exemption is subject to the public interest test as follows:

**Considerations in favour of disclosure**

- The right of the public to have access to the information
- The information would enable informed public debate on this issue
- Accountability for the use of public funds

**Considerations in favour of non-disclosure**

- Disclosure would affect the Authority's ability to manage/negotiate commercial transactions in relation to our Estate.
- Disclosure would impact our working practices that enable us to deliver estate management more efficiently
- Disclosure could harm the Authority's future procurement plans.

We are currently producing public versions of asset management plans for each of the 32 boroughs; the target date for the completion of these is 8th November 2007. Please let me know if you would like us to send you a copy of the public Harrow Asset Management Plan when it becomes available.

I hope that this response answers your questions.

However, if you are unhappy with the decision regarding your request for information you should write to me at the above address. I will arrange for an officer who has not had any involvement with this request to review our decision. If you are still unhappy after that, a further request can be made to the Information Commissioner, who will decide whether the request was dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. Further information is available on the Information Commissioner's website: [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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