

2015

Freedom of Information Request

Reference number – 15-003

Information relating to land at the rear of the Turner Gallery Plymouth
Road Penarth

Have the National Museum of Wales purchased the freehold or extended their lease on Hashed area 5 on the Conveyance Document dated 4 April 1970, which is the date the lease on the land transferred from the Earl Of Plymouth Rt Hon Robert Windsor Clive to the ownership of the company known as Plymouth Estates of Ludlow Salop? The land is described in the conveyance document in my possession as "hashed area 5 land adjoining Roxburgh with 3 Greenhouses" and is situated at Post Code CF64 3DX. The original lease commenced on the 16 12 1897 and was due to expire after 79 years on the 15 12 1976. Please confirm whether the National Museum of Wales is the freeholder of this land or if the leaseholder the unexpired term of the lease.

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11 February 2015

Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – *Information relating to land at the rear of the Turner Gallery Plymouth Road Penarth*

Thank you for your request for information. As Museum Secretary for Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales ('the Museum'), I am responsible for responding to your request for information.

I refer to your email of 22 January 2015, in which you asked for the following information:

Have the National Museum of Wales purchased the freehold or extended their lease on Hashed area 5 on the Conveyance Document dated 4 April 1970, which is the date the lease on the land transferred from the Earl Of Plymouth Rt Hon Robert Windsor Clive to the ownership of the company known as Plymouth Estates of Ludlow Salop? The land is described in the conveyance document in my possession as "hashed area 5 land adjoining Roxburgh with 3 Greenhouses" and is situated at Post Code CF64 3DX. The original lease commenced on the 16 12 1897 and was due to expire after 79 years on the 15 12 1976. Please confirm whether the National Museum of Wales is the freeholder of this land or if the leaseholder the unexpired term of the lease.

In addition I quote as follows from your email of 8 February:

The Land Registry have no record whatsoever of the tenure of Turner House at any time since it's construction.

Lastly, we note with thanks that you supported your FOI request on 10 February by emailing a copy of a conveyance in respect of the land in question.

Response

Please find below the Museum's response to your request.

The Museum's Director of Operations had not previously seen the conveyance that you emailed but as the Museum is not a party to the conveyance this is understandable. The Museum is now the freeholder of part of the parcel of land hatched 5 on the plan that you sent. The Museum assumes that in a subsequent transaction that parcel was split, as the Museum only owns a section of the land which is designated on site by indentations on a curved line across the car park

behind Turner House. The attached registry document shows the Museum's land-holding.

Your request was considered according to the principles set out in the National Assembly's Code of Practice on Public Access to Information (third edition). The Code is published on the Internet at www.information.wales.gov.uk.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Director Finance and Corporate Resources at the following address:

Mr. Neil Wicks
Director of Finance and Corporate Resources
Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales
Cathays Park
Cardiff
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When dealing with any concerns, we will follow the principles of the National Museum of Wales's Code of Practice on Complaints, which is available on our website at www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/45/. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) if you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review. Generally, the ICO will not make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Museum.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

If you have any further queries or concerns then please contact me via my email address.

Yours sincerely

Elaine Cabuts
Museum Secretary