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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-19-0650 - Provost Skene House
Attachments: V3 - Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 08 May 2019 and please accept our sincere apologies for delay in providing you the response. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

When was the Provost Skene's House "museum" closed for refurbishment?

Provost Skene House was closed in early 2013 to facilitate the demolition of the former St Nicholas House and construction of the new Marischal Square development on the vacated site.

For how long was the closure to the public scheduled to take?

The initial timeline for the facility to reopen was Summer 2017 to align with the delivery of the Marischal Square development.

In order to carry out any works on this grade A listed building, Listed Building Consent was required. This entailed carrying numerous surveys on the building from specialist consultants, the result of which was that additional works were required in order to protect the building from the ravages of both time and weather.

This work has taken longer than originally planned but has helped inform the design to ensure the longevity of Provost Skene's House for future generations.

The works are expected to begin in July 2019 with an opening date of Autumn 2020 which incorporates the internal fit-out and 'hall for heroes' visitor attraction honouring the Granite City's most famous sons and daughters.

At the time of the decision to close the facility what was the estimated cost, to the public, of that refurbishment?

The initial estimated cost to refurbish the facility (inclusive of the 'Hall for Heroes') was circa £1.875m.

What is the current estimated cost to the public?

The current approved project budget cost (inclusive of the 'Hall for Heroes' and internal fit-out) is circa £3.8m. Please refer to the response to Question 2 which explains the principal reasons for the increase in cost.

Please list those contractors who have been used to carry out these repairs.

No repairs have been carried yet, but the refurbishment contract is expected to be awarded in June 2019.

When will the facility be reopened?

The facility is expected to be reopened in Autumn 2020.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,



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