

Question

Please can you provide a breakdown of the costs, bills, receipts for the project that has happened at 'The Spot' in the city centre of Derby.

Details requested about the project include but not are limited to:

- the 30 metre bench (low wall)
- the rings sculpture
- the cobblestones
- the slabbing
- plant equipment hire
- labour costs
- safety fencing
- environmental impact study
- public feedback questionnaires to assess the public opinion on the new installation and refurbishment.

Response

Overall approach

The attached table details expenditure from the beginning of the project in 2012 to date (30 September 2016). As the project has not yet been financially completed there will be further costs incurred before the end of the financial year (March 2017). It is projected that the final cost of the project will be at or close to the budget of £1.2million

The project overall is “permitted development” and is therefore not the subject of an Environmental Impact Assessment

Also attached is the concept design report setting out the results of public consultation in 2012. Please refer to page 19 and Appendix A for further information about this.

Labour costs

Section 43: Commercial interest exemption applies.

This exemption applies because the detailed labour costs constitute commercially sensitive information and disclosure would prejudice the contractor’s commercial interest – affect their ability to successfully bid for work against their competitors.

This is a qualified exemption and is subject to a public interest test. This test is used to balance the public interest in disclosure against the public interest in favour of withholding the information. The Act allows us to exceed the 20 working day response target where we need to consider the public interest test.

We have extended the 20 working day response period to fully consider the public interest test for the above exemption and will send you the response by no later **11 November 2016** or earlier if possible

