

29th January 2009

Our ref: R00077

Freedom of Information Request – town planning consultancies

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request, dated 15th December 2008, concerning town planning consultancies.

Your request is:

Request for town planning work procured by SEEDA in the last three full financial years with a value over £25k. The details you have requested are:

- a) the title of each commission,
- b) the name of the consultancy appointed and
- c) the fee for each project

Information Provided:

It is not possible to define our town planning spend as you have requested because SEEDA's financial system is not categorised in this way.

Many of the consultants on the framework panel for town planning advice, also feature on other panels, such as valuation advice etc - hence why it is not possible to simply rely on a search on that consultant.

We calculated that it will take more than eighteen hours to actually go through all our invoices and extract the town planning work so we are providing

1. Names of the consultants who provided town planning consultancy to us.
2. The total amount we paid in the last three years (to each individual consultancy firm) for ALL their work which includes town planning as well as other services.

As explained, in our letter to you dated 12th January, we needed to consult with the consultancy firms involved. I am pleased to advise no concerns have been raised about releasing the information.

Consultant	Total for 3 years
Drivers Jonas	£468,714
DTZ	£62,308
GVA Grimley	£40,918
King Sturge	£233,624