

28<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Your ref: Email dated 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009  
Our ref: R00176

## **Freedom of Information Request – Hampshire Rosebowl**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request, dated 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009, concerning SEEDA's involvement with development plans for the Hampshire Rosebowl.

Your request to SEEDA is:

*"I request all documents, emails and information connected to Seeda's support and involvement in the creation and future development plans for the Hampshire Rosebowl at West End, Southampton.*

*This request includes information relating to all discussions & decisions Seeda investment decisions, including those with Eastleigh Borough Council and Hampshire County Council officers and elected representatives.*

*I also request full details of hospitality at the Hampshire Rosebowl given to Seeda full time officials, existing and past board members. This will include names and dates and who the invitation was made by."*

In response to our request to clarify your information request, which will allow us to focus our information retrieval effort, you emailed a revised request to SEEDA on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009:

*"Part One:*

*I am specifically interested {in information} held by Seeda related to decisions & support for Rose Bowl project since its creation in 2001 up to and including SEEDA's involvement and decisions relating to the development of the Rose Bowl into a Test cricket venue.*

*Part Two:*

*For the purpose of part two I am seeking full details of hospitality given to Seeda full time officials, existing and past board members from the opening of the Rose Bowl in 2001. This will include names, dates and who the invitation was made by at the Rose Bowl."*

## Information Held

### *Part One*

SEEDA has made no investment in the Hampshire Rose Bowl, has participated in no investment discussions, nor made any investment-related decisions jointly with Rose Bowl officials, or elected representatives of Eastleigh Borough Council and Hampshire County Council, either for the initial Rose Bowl project, or for the current redevelopment plans.

SEEDA of course maintains a keen interest in major development projects in its area and, for example, SEEDA representatives have attended Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) meetings, with Local Authorities, at which the Rose Bowl development has been discussed. SEEDA's Chairman Jim Brathwaite was also involved in helping resolve issues concerning long-running contractual difficulties between Sport England/Lottery funds and the Rose Bowl.

SEEDA supports in principle the redevelopment of the West End ground, which will bring the capacity up to 25,000 and put it on track to becoming the first of a new generation of Test grounds, bringing significant economic, social, sporting, and community benefits to Eastleigh and the wider South Hampshire area. This will generate a high profile for the area as the venue becomes recognised internationally through media coverage, reports and visitors, with revenue generated supporting the provision of community coaches with an extensive outreach programme for the local community.

### *Part Two*

There are two instances of hospitality provided at the Hampshire Rose Bowl, recorded in SEEDA's Hospitality log, since 2001.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Host</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Nature of Hospitality</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2007	Rod Bransgrove Chairman and Chief Executive of Rose Bowl plc	James Brathwaite SEEDA Chairman	2 Tickets for "The Who" Concert.
9 <sup>th</sup> July 2007	Janet May Paris Smith & Randall LLP, Advisors to Rose Bowl plc	James Brathwaite SEEDA Chairman	2 Tickets for Cricket Match.