

Transcript from extract of recording of

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Monday 2 December 2013 7.00 pm

Recording can be found online at the following URL:

<http://audioboo.fm/boos/1763590-cllr-peter-john-on-why-southwark-is-running-up-57k-legal-bill-fighting-the-information-commissioner-re-heygate-viability#t=1m1s>

Council Leader Peter John in response to a question about the appeal against the ICO decision ordering disclosure of the Heygate viability assessment:

“This is not an appeal which is being driven by Lend Lease or any other developer. This is an important point of principle for all planning applications not just in Southwark but across London and across the country. And that is why we have the support of the Mayor of London, it is why we have the support of the GLA, and why we have the support of the DCLG in the action that we are taking. You might be right: it might not have a devastating impact in Southwark, but when you think about other developments elsewhere in the country, where private developers are putting much more on the line, where they don't want to have to disclose their viability figures in the way which it is being implied.”