LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/01379

Date of request: 27th October

Request:

Havering Council's Local Planning Authority published a draft local development order in March 2026, LDO0001.26, inviting comments and submissions to the proposed 600MW hyperscale East Havering Data Centre Campus.
1.Many statutory consultees were contacted and responded.
Given the perceived dangers of the proposal, I would like to know:
- if the London Fire Brigade was invited to comment;
- did the London Fire Brigade submit a response;
- can I please see the text of that response
2. If the London Fire Brigade did not respond to the consultation specifically then what, if any, involvement and communications regarding fire safety and hazards has taken with Havering Council and the developer Digital Reef (Digital Origin). Please may I have the transcripts of any such communications.

Response:

Thank you for your request for information, received on 27 October 2026, which has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your request sought to establish whether the London Fire Brigade (LFB) was invited to comment on, and whether it submitted a response to, Havering Council's draft Local Development Order (LDO0001.26) for the proposed East Havering Data Centre Campus. You also requested information regarding any involvement or communications between the LFB, Havering Council and the developer, Digital Reef (Digital Origin), concerning fire safety and associated hazards, including copies or transcripts of any such communications.

The London Fire Brigade was invited to comment on LDO0001.26; however, no response was submitted.

To identify any information held relating to the second part of your request, enquiries were made with our Prevention and Protection (Fire Safety Regulation) department. Following these enquiries, I can confirm that the London Fire Brigade does not hold any recorded information relating to communications with Havering Council or Digital Reef (Digital Origin) regarding fire safety or hazards associated with the proposed East Havering Data Centre Campus.

As no relevant information is held by the London Fire Brigade, we are unable to provide any correspondence, records or transcripts in response to this part of your request.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process, please see the guidance published on our website: https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/