

Response

Thank you for your request for information in relation to the National Lottery.

We awarded Camelot a ten year licence to run the National Lottery, starting in 2009. In March 2012 this was extended by four years. The reasons for the licence being granted were outlined in the decision notice published at that time. This has since been removed from the website given the time elapsed but can be provided on request.

The application submitted by Camelot contains highly commercially sensitive information and was provided in confidence. This was something that was made clear at the point of delivery and access to this information remains tightly controlled even internally at the Gambling Commission.

A new licence competition is due to start in the next few years where we will be looking for bidders to submit detailed plans and projections in order for us to assess who would maximise the enjoyment and benefits that the Lottery brings. Disclosing detailed, commercially sensitive application materials at this stage would not only be prejudicial to Camelot's commercial interests but it would also deter other applicants from submitting commercially sensitive material if there was an expectation that we would disclose it. This would in turn make it more difficult for us to make a considered assessment and ensure the right decision is reached. There is a strong public interest in ensuring this process is protected. When decisions are reached on such matters, the Commission publishes a decision notice explaining the full reasons why the licence has been granted.

For the reasons outlined, we consider the information you have requested to be exempt from disclosure. This is explained in more detail in the attached.

More details about how the National Lottery is licensed and regulated is available here: [National Lottery](#)

Review of the decision

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your Freedom of Information request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to FOI Team, Gambling Commission, 4th floor, Victoria Square House, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B2 4BP.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Gambling Commission. The ICO can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Request

I'd like to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, the document(s) submitted by Camelot Group PLC in their bid to win the Third National Lottery Licence. I'd like these in electronic format - preferably PDF.