

Freedom of Information Request – East Kent Spatial Development Company

Thank you for your request for information, which was dated 14th July 2011 and made under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Your request to SEEDA is:

I require full information related to the establishment of "EKSDC" East Kent Spatial Development Co.

In our acknowledgment of your request we suggested you review the Regional Development Agencies (RDA) Act 1998. This is publicly available at:
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/45/contents>

East Kent Spatial Development Company (EKSDC) was registered on 5th April 2002 after SEEDA obtained approval from the Department of Trade and Industry (now the Department of Business Innovation and Skills) in accordance with the RDA Act 1998, Section 5 (c).

The company is non profit making, has no shareholding and is limited only by guarantee. The purpose of the company is to promote the economic development and regeneration of the Target Area (East Kent) with a view to promoting the economic and environmental wellbeing of the Target Area, such activities to include, without limitation:

- a) primarily undertaking or procuring the provision of infrastructure works and wider regeneration activities; and
- b) subject thereto, promoting, providing and procuring the provision of economic development activities and promoting, providing and procuring the provision of other appropriate support activities, including without limitation, advice and training, in each case within or for the benefit of the Target Area.

The members of the company at inception were SEEDA, English Partnerships (now part of the Homes and Communities Agency), Thanet District Council, Dover District Council and Kent County Council. Subsequently, Shepway District Council and Canterbury City Council have joined as members. Funding has been obtained from grants, mainly awarded by SEEDA, the Homes and Communities Agency and the European Commission.

Further information and documents, including the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Annual Accounts, can be obtained from Companies House:
<http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/>. The registered Company number is 0441017. As this information is accessible to you by other means, we believe that it is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Further information relating to SEEDA's investment in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures can be found in our Annual Report and Accounts, which are publicly available via our website:
http://www.seeda.co.uk/publications/2009_10_SEEDA_Annual_Report_Accounts_web.pdf

