

REQUEST

Dear Deputy Mayor Greenhalgh

Re: Resilient London, the Rockefeller Foundation and Thames Blue Green Economy's (TBGE) Legal Challenge to the TTT

I am one of the supporters of TBGE and part of the legal team. I am writing to you today to ask that you email me, and those copied in, a copy of London's submission to the Rockefeller Foundation's Resilient City Programme and a copy of the acceptance of London's application to the programme, with any relevant conditions and/or criteria. Members of our team have contacted you already requesting this information but have not had a reply. In addition, this information does not appear to be available on the GLA website which is surprising.

This information is needed for our legal challenge and to assist with our planned meetings with the European Commission and the new Government in late May. As you probably know, the most up to date expert evidence clearly shows that the TTT is not needed because compliance with the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive has already likely to have been reached by the sewage treatment works upgrades and will certainly be met once the Lee Tunnel is operational later this year.

What London actually needs, to be truly resilient, is integrated water resource management. Why is this? Many of the tributaries feeding into the Thames are designated under the Water Framework Directive as poor. This status will remain poor past lawful compliance dates unless integrated water resource management is implemented as a matter of priority to address London's key environmental stresses such as flooding, drought, water quality and also assist with reducing air pollution and London's high carbon footprint. The Thames water quality is therefore likely to be made worse by the TTT because resources needed to improve water quality for all of the Thames River Basin will all be funneled unnecessarily into the hugely expensive TTT, until at least 2023.

I look forward to receiving this information from you asap and in any event within the next seven days.

RESPONSE

Thank you for your request for information to the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC) dated 21 April 2015.

I can confirm that your request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and that MOPAC does hold some information relating to your request.

MOPAC is considering your request. Although the Act carries a presumption in favour of disclosure, it provides exemptions which may be used to withhold information in specified circumstances. Some of these exemptions, referred to as 'qualified exemptions', are subject to a public interest test. This test is used to balance the public interest in disclosure against the public interest in favour of withholding the information. The Act allows us to exceed the 20 working day response target where we need to consider the public interest test fully.

The information which you have requested is being considered under the exemption in Section 24 of the Act, which relates to safeguarding national security. This is a qualified exemption and

to consider the public interest test fully we need to extend the 20 working day response period. We now aim to let you have a full response by 19 June.

If you have any questions about the handling of your information request then please do not hesitate to contact me.