

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

[REDACTED]
(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA201117-5006

15 January 2017

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 19 November 2017. Your request has been dealt with under the Environment Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

Our response to your request is as follows:

- *Information about any discussions that the Mayor's Design Advisory Group (no longer extant), and / or the current Mayor's Design Advocates, have had about projects, development proposals, and / or plans, **in the London Borough of Southwark**.*
- *A list of any such items discussed,*
- *Fuller details about any reviews / discussions about work regarding the **Old Kent Road Opportunity Area** (or any part/s of it). Such fuller details should include details of attendees, and any notes taken (or any other records).*

The Old Kent Road AAP/OA has been subject to two design reviews sessions. Both design review sessions were designed as joint sessions with panellists from the Mayor's Design Advisory Group and Southwark's Design Review Panel. The first session was held on 4th February 2016 and followed by a second session on 7th July 2016. We understand Southwark Council have shared the review letter from July 2016. Attached you will find the letter from the February design review. Southwark Council have not suggested any further design review sessions of their draft AAP, although we understand planning applications may be subject to design reviews.

- *Please also let me know whether the meetings held by / with the Mayor's Design Advisory Board members (in the past), or current Design Advocates, about area specific proposals, are generally open to potentially affected parties. If so, how are those parties identified and notified and / or invited? If they are able to attend then what opportunity are they given to participate in the discussion?*

As you are aware, a new cohort of Mayor's Design Advocates (MDAs) has been appointed. MDAs populate the London Review Panel, which meets on a monthly basis and has a focus on quality review of Mayoral investment projects and programmes. It is a core principle that the London Review Panel will not duplicate local arrangements. As LB Southwark has its own Design

Review Panel, MDAs would only be involved in their reviews at LB Southwark's request. The London Review Panel has not had any sessions on the Old Kent Road OA to date, nor are any sessions planned.

The London Review Panel sessions are not public meetings and reports will not routinely be made public (although may be made public through the local authority's website if later submitted as part of a planning application). This allows applicants to share emerging designs with the panel at a stage when they are not fixed, so that the panel can have a positive influence on the design process.

Panellists will be primarily drawn from the membership of the MDAs. In some circumstances, the panel manager may add further reviewers. These may be invited to participate to bring specific skills relevant to the review in question. They will be subject to the same probity, conflicts of interest and confidentiality standards as other panellists.

- *All correspondence between the GLA / Mayor of London and Southwark Council about planning policy relevant to the Old Kent Road area, including the emerging Southwark Plan and the Old Kent Road Opportunity Area AAP. [post 24th April 2017].*

Please find attached the information we have identified as being within the scope of your request. Please note that a small amount of personal information has been redacted from disclosure under Regulation 13 (Personal information) of the EIR. This information identifies junior level employees and as such constitutes personal data which is defined by s.1 (1) of the Data Protection Act 1998 to mean data which relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data.

It is considered that disclosure of this information would contravene the first data protection principle which states that "Personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully and shall not be processed unless –

*(a) at least one of the conditions in Schedule 2 is met, and
(b) in the case of sensitive personal data, at least one of the conditions in Schedule 3 is also met."*

It is considered that none of the conditions allow the processing of the information apply in this case as the subjects have not consented to the use of their data for an alternative purpose (namely disclosure under the EIR).

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA201117-5006

Yours sincerely

Paul Robinson
Information Governance Officer

If you are unhappy with the way the GLA has handled your request, you may complain using the GLA's FOI complaints and internal review procedure, available at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>

