

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

[REDACTED]
(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA310118-2286

27 February 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 30 January 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find attached the information we hold within the scope of your request

A copy, electronic or on paper, of the information for residents/business on you website

This information can be found online at <https://www.london.gov.uk/get-involved/london-new-years-eve-fireworks-2017/business-and-resident-information-london-new-years>.

Section 21 of the Act provides that:

- (1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.*
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—*
 - (a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and*
 - (b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.*

A copy, electronic or on paper, of the letter/information sent to residents/businesses sent on application as instructed on your website.

Please see attached PDF file

A copy, electronic or on paper, of the booklet given to marshals, referred to by the marshal near Westminster Square and seen in her hand by me.

Unfortunately we are still dealing with this element of your request at this time and we are

unable to provide a full response within the original 20 working day deadline. We are consulting with third parties and considering exemptions relating to health and safety and policing:

- Section 31(1)(a) – prevention or detection of crime
- Section 38(1)(b) – endangering the safety of any individual

The Freedom of Information Act (ss.10(3) and 17(2)) allows public authorities to extend the period for responding to requests under the Act if the information requested is subject to exemptions and longer is needed to consider the public interest. I am writing to inform you that it will be necessary to extend the time limit to respond to part of your request beyond 20 working days in this case. We expect to be in a position to respond by 27 March at latest though if we are able to make a decision before then, we will contact you sooner.

The number of armbands issued, by designated ticketed area.

Please see attached PDF file

The number of tickets issued by designated area.

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The relevant by-law empowering the Mayor to prevent residents lawful access to their residence for the purpose of an entertainment. The policeman I spoke to did not think the Met had issued any restrictions. I think you have acted unlawfully in preventing free access and am willing test this by Judicial Review, to test if nothing else whether your arrangements were 'Wednesbury reasonable' unless I can convince myself that this would be a waste of time.

We are not classing this question as a request under FOI but there is no specific bylaw that says we are allowed to prevent access to residents. We are fully aware that they have a legal right to access their property. We therefore actively engage with the management at County Hall to facilitate access by way of wristbands and a dedicated entrance. This does not mean we are able to provide a direct route. All our plans are agreed and signed off by all the agencies involved.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA310118-2286.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Phillips
Information Governance Officer

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