

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA160720-8104

28 July 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 15 July 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

You asked for an up to date dataset of the referral planning applications, including any data that has been collected for the period before 2012 and any data that has been collected since 2018.

Our response to your request is as follows:

We have updated the referral application data to include everything from 2011 to 2020. A spreadsheet containing the data can be found at:

<https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/referral-planning-applications-since-2011>

The officer reports can be viewed via the planning application search at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/planning-applications-and-decisions/planning-application-search>.

Unfortunately, we have estimated that the cost of complying with the remainder of your request would exceed the "appropriate limit" specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

Section 12 of the Act provides that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request if the cost of determining whether we hold the information, locating and retrieving it and extracting it from other information would exceed the appropriate limit. The aforementioned Fees Regulations stipulate that this limit is £450; calculated at £25 per hour for every hour spent on the activities described and equates to 18 hours of work.

Details of referrals prior to 2011 are stored in the officer reports and have not been collated. Collating the data back to 2011 has taken in excess of one year of officer time and we estimate a similar amount of time would be required to collate the information from referrals prior to this date, well in excess of the cost limit for an exemption under Article 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

We have therefore refused this request under the cost limit provisions of section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act and this letter therefore constitutes a refusal notice under section 17(1) of the Act.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely



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>