

GREATER**LONDON**AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA110817-4152

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 11 August 2017. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. *Could you provide information regarding the number of Cruise Ships docking in London in 2016?*

Both the London Atmospheric Emissions Inventory (LAEI) and the London Energy and Greenhouse Gas Inventory (LEGGI) publish figures for emissions from shipping and this information is available on the London Datastore:

<https://data.london.gov.uk/>

In both cases the emissions data is calculated from publicly available information on ship movements on the Thames (e.g. the Lloyds list of shipping, Thames Clipper timetables etc) and neither of the data sets explicitly calculates emissions for 2016. Neither of these datasets separates out Cruise Ship movements as an individual category.

We are currently working with the Port of London Authority (PLA) to improve the inventories we publish of shipping movements on the Thames, including Cruise Ships. The PLA should have more accurate data on the numbers of Cruise Ship movements on the Thames, and this will be incorporated in future revisions of the LAEI.

2. *Could you provide any information regarding the economic benefits of cruise ships docking in Central London versus more easily accessible ports that provide cruise passengers chances to visit London, such as Dover or Southampton?*

The GLA does not hold this information. The PLA may hold some information relevant to your request.

<http://www.pla.co.uk/Contact-Us>

3. *Could you provide any information regarding noise restrictions on Cruise Ships sailing on the Thames?*

All vessels on the river, including Cruise Ships, are subject to nuisance regulations: these regulations allow riparian Boroughs or, in some circumstances, the Port of London Health Authority, PLA or other authorities to take action against vessels that are causing a nuisance.

As far as we are aware there are no special restrictions that apply to cruise ships, however the Port of London Health Authority would know more detail.

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/port-health/environmental-control/Pages/pollution-controls.aspx>

4. *Is it the policy of the Mayor to promote London as a cruising destination?*

It is the Policy of the Mayor to increase the use of the river for freight, passenger and leisure purposes. The policies have yet to be finalised and are contained in the consultation drafts of the Mayors Transport Strategy and London Environment Strategy. There is a specific policy on Noise from the River in the draft Environment Strategy

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/transport/our-vision-transport/draft-mayors-transport-strategy-2017>

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/draft-london-environment-strategy-have-your-say>

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

Yours sincerely

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