

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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Our Ref: **MGLA230821-1291**

15 September 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 22 August 2021. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You asked for;

1. Have you declared a climate emergency? **Y/N**

2. a. Do you have an action plan or strategy (or equivalent) related to net zero goals? **Y/N**
See: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/climate-change/climate-action-plan>. The scenarios in the 1.5°C plan are currently being revised as part of our regular assessment process and, when published in Autumn 2021, will align with the Mayor's new target for London to reach net zero by 2030.

b. If yes, is 'Spatial Planning' featured within the action plan/strategy? **Y/N**

All new buildings to be net zero carbon; set through the London Plan.

3. a. Does your 'Local Plan' reflect net zero targets? **Y/N**

b. if yes to what year?

London Plan 2021 requires all new major developments to meet the Mayor's net zero carbon target. New major residential developments have been required to meet the net zero carbon target since October 2016. The London Plan also references the Mayor's previous target for London (including its existing buildings and transport) to be net zero carbon by 2050; however the London Plan was adopted prior to the Mayor's adoption of the new 2030 target.

c. If no, does your 'Local Plan Review' plan to include net zero? Y/N

N/A

4. a. Do you have an in-house sustainability (or equivalent) officer/s supporting local planning policy, if yes, the number of officers?

6.3 FTE in F/Y 2021/22.

b. Who is the key contact at your council?

Email: Londonplan@london.gov.uk for queries

5. a. What tools do your planners use to support climate planning policy and delivery in your authority?

London Plan Guidance documents e.g. Energy Assessment Guidance, running training sessions and providing ad hoc support to borough officers.

b. Do your planning officers receive climate literacy training or equivalent? Y/N

Planning officers are trained in climate mitigation/adaptation policies and are given expert sustainability advice on planning applications by in-house sustainability officers. GLA sustainability officers also run sustainability training workshops for borough officers.

c. Do you use climate change mitigation as a material consideration in balancing planning applications? Y/N

Climate change mitigation is embedded in London Plan policies.

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

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