

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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Our Ref: MGLA270619-6040

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 26 June 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. *How many publicly available drinking fountains are installed and active in London (excluding establishments which permit the public to refill their bottles for free)?*

The GLA does not hold a record of all publicly available drinking fountains installed and active in London. However, the Mayor of London has installed 32 drinking fountains which are all active and available to the public.

2. *How many of these have been installed since that press release/ announcement last October?*

Since the press release/announcement last October the Mayor has installed 25 drinking fountains. The Mayor of London has announced the next stages in the roll out of the Drinking Water Fountain Programme on 18 July 2019 <https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/mayor-reveals-locations-of-50-new-water-fountains> .

3. *How many have been installed so far this year?*

A total of 16 drinking fountains have been installed this year. Twelve of these drinking fountains were installed under the Mayor's project with ZSL's #Oneless Campaign, an additional three under the Mayor's partnership with Thames Water and one with Transport for London.

4. *How many are still in active use/ functioning?*

All 32 fountains that have been installed by the Mayor of London are still in active use.

5. *How many sites have been identified by TfL as suitable for a drinking fountain? (A note on this: I already FOI'd TfL and their response was: "Unfortunately TfL does not hold the information you have requested. Please contact the Mayor's office for this information.")*

The Mayor has been working with Transport for London (TfL) to identify suitable sites for drinking fountains. So far eight TfL sites have been confirmed as being suitable for a drinking fountain. A total of 20 drinking fountains have been confirmed near transport hubs.

The Mayor will continue to work with TfL to identify and assess other suitable sites.

6. *How much of the £5m fund has been spent?*

As of the 18 July 2019 approximately £249,783 of the £5 million fund (funded by the Mayor and Thames Water) has been spent.

7. *How many people applied by the deadline of Dec 7 2018 to 'host' a fountain?*

A total 245 applications were received from a range of organisations and private landholders by the deadline of 7 December 2018.

8. *How many fountains are expected to be installed this year in total?*

The drinking fountains programme runs from 2018-2021 (3 years) over which at least 100 drinking fountains will be installed.

This year, 12 fountains have been installed under the ZSL programme, an additional three under the Mayor of London's partnership with Thames Water to date and one with Transport for London. The Mayor has also confirmed 48 locations where a drinking fountain will be installed under the Thames Water partnership. These 48 drinking fountains are expected to be installed by the end of March 2020 at the latest. The installation of these drinking fountains is subject to Thames Water programming and local authority commitments.

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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