

# MAYOR OF LONDON

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Our Ref: MGLA101121-7516

15 December 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 9 November 2021. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You asked for;

- [REDACTED] following information for the calendar years 2018, 2020 and 2021;  
[REDACTED] has the largest number of green roofs?
2. How many green roofs were there per year in the city of London for the years 2018, 2020 and 2021 so far?
  3. How many green roof installations are planned for the city of London for 2022 and 2023?

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. We do not hold historical data that reliably quantifies the number of green roofs in any given year. The *Living Roofs and Walls from Policy to Practice: 10 years of urban greening in London and beyond* report from 2019, available to view [here](https://livingroofs.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/LONDON-LIVING-ROOFS-WALLS-REPORT-2019.pdf)<sup>1</sup>, gives information on page 17 regarding the area of green roof per capita in each borough in 2017. That report was standalone and the same mapping, monitoring, analysis has not been done for subsequent years. Note it also pertains to area of green roof, not numbers of green roofs. The London Plan Annual Monitoring Report contains an indicator regarding an intended increase in total area of green roofs in the CAZ (Central Activities Zone), but the [most recent AMR](https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/amr_16_final.pdf)<sup>2</sup> (for 2018/19, published March 2021) confirms that the report referenced above is the most recent analysis of green roofs in London (page 61). The raw data associated with the GLA's Green Roof Map can be downloaded from the datastore [here](https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/green-roofs)<sup>3</sup>, note that that map is not maintained, and the data associated with it is based on aerial imagery from 2015, as explained [here](https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/parks-green-spaces-and-biodiversity/green-infrastructure-maps-and-tools#acc-i-54706)<sup>4</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> <https://livingroofs.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/LONDON-LIVING-ROOFS-WALLS-REPORT-2019.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/amr\\_16\\_final.pdf](https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/amr_16_final.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/green-roofs>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/parks-green-spaces-and-biodiversity/green-infrastructure-maps-and-tools#acc-i-54706>

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2. We do not hold any information that answers this question. As a Local Planning Authority, the City of London will produce monitoring reports regarding the implementation of its Local Plan. These can be accessed via [this link](#)<sup>5</sup>, and may contain information regarding green roofs if that is a topic the Authority has committed to monitoring.

[REDACTED] not hold any information that answers this question and are not aware of the existence [REDACTED] would answer that question. While the [Planning Datahub](#)<sup>6</sup> holds information on certain planning permissions granted in London and – since November 2020 – has recorded information relating to the provision of green roofs within proposals, the existence of a planning permission is no guarantee that the proposed development will be built out. If a permission that included green roofs was taken up then the developer would have to deliver them or (potentially) face enforcement action from the Local Planning Authority. To answer this question, you would have to see if the City of London can provide details of all planning permissions extant across 2022 and 2023 that include green roofs, and which have not yet been completed. I do not know whether the authority holds or would be in a position to provide such information.

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

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/search?q=local%20plan%20monitoring>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/digital-planning/planning-london-datahub>