

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA150620-4782

7 July 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 12 June 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for:

I'd like to request a list of all the statues that have been taken down in London since 1990. I'd like to know:

the name of the statue

the date the statue was erected

the reason the statue was erected (this might be who the statue was of, or who or what it was designed to commemorate)

the date it was taken down

the reason it was taken down

Our response to your request is as follows:

From time to time we are approached because it is assumed we are the successor body to the GLC and that we are legally liable for its actions, or that we now hold its property interests. This is not the case.

The Greater London Council (GLC) was abolished in 1986 by the Local Government Act 1985 and its powers were devolved to the London boroughs and other entities. The GLA only came into being in 2000, some 14 years later, under the Greater London Authority Act 1999.

The GLA is London's strategic government and does not operate in the same way as local Borough Councils. We therefore do not hold the information you have requested, and you would need to contact the individual local Borough Councils: <https://www.london.gov.uk/in-my-area>

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has recently announced that he is setting up a new Commission to review and improve diversity across London's public realm to ensure the capital's landmarks suitably reflect London's achievements and diversity.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/mayor-unveils-commission-to-review-diversity>

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>