

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY


By email

Our Ref: **MGLA100417-8668**

10 May 2017

Dear 

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 9 April 2017. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for information which relates to the period 9 April 2015 to the present day:

Please note that I am only interested in information

1...During the aforementioned period did Ms Lumley exchange correspondence and communications (including emails) with the Mayor which in any way related to the project known as the Garden Bridge.

2...If the answer is yes can you please provide copies of this correspondence and communication including emails and the transcripts of any relevant telephone conversations.

You clarified that your request includes people specifically acting on behalf and that you would like “both sides of the correspondence and communications including emails and relevant telephone transcripts”.

I can confirm that the Greater London Authority does hold information within the scope of your request. Our searches located one letter from the former Mayor to Ms Lumley in 2015 that mentions the Garden Bridge, which is attached.

We do not routinely keep audio copies or transcripts of calls and GLA emails are only retained by the GLA's systems for three months unless they are filed or archived by staff. For the period prior to May 2016, please note that email accounts belonging to the former Mayoral team have now been deleted in line with the GLA's IT Staff Departure procedure.

I have redacted an address from the response as this constitutes third-party personal data which is exempt from release under the provision of section 40(2) of the FoI Act. This provides that personal data (as defined under the Data Protection Act 1998) can be withheld from disclosure in to the public domain where that disclosure would constitute unfair processing of that personal data.

You may also be interested in similar information that we released previously, but that does not fall within the dates you specified: <https://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-joanna-lumley-and-thomas-heatherwick-correspondence-4788>

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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