

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA050721-7421

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 2 July 2021. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for:

*All the necessary Highways plus Planning and Building Control applications as well as approved documentations for all on-street electric vehicle chargers. That includes a copy of the Disability and Equality Impact Assessment Report for each on-street electric vehicle charger location. Along with the above, state that each on-street electric vehicle charger location fully complies with both Disability Highways Access Regulations or Disability Planning and Building Control Regulations.*

*Also, show that the New Street Furniture including electric vehicle chargers will not increase the dangers or threats or cause extra obstruction to vulnerable pedestrians and other pedestrians.*

*Also show that the above went before local councillors on the Planning Committee and before the Highways Committee councillors.*

*Any evidence about how the individual electric vehicle charger machines comply with all necessary Disability and Equality Laws, either of UK, EU and/or UN laws, including providing the Disability and Equality Impact Assessment Report for each type or manufacture of individual electric vehicle charger.*

Our response to your request is as follows:

Transport for London (TfL) has been responsible for the delivery of a Rapids Charge Point Programme, which has implemented 311 rapid charge points until now across London. Depending on the site, planning permissions and or licences or agreements under highways legislations would have been required. The GLA does not hold the information within scope of your request. TfL is the Mayor's transport authority and is responsible for implementing the

Mayor's Transport Strategy, and for the day-to-day operational running of transport services. You may wish to send a further request to TfL at [foi@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:foi@tfl.gov.uk).

You may find information about London's TfL delivered charge points and all other non-TfL delivered charge points here, <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/electric-vehicles-and-rapid-charging#on-this-page-3>. You can view TfL's delivered charge points here, <https://arcg.is/9GyK80>. You can view all London's charge points at Zap-map, <https://www.zap-map.com/live/>.

An Equalities Impact Assessment for the Rapids Charge Point Programme was completed, but not for each electric vehicle charge point. TfL will be able to provide this assessment. The charging machines were added to existing on-street parking bays with very limited or no changes to the existing geometry of the road or footways. All designs of the charging machine on public highway are carried out to comply with equality guidance where possible. TfL do not produce assessment reports for individual charging bays as these are existing bays which are already in use on the network and the bay sizes are designed to accommodate all possible access scenarios. In some cases, it is not possible to comply with all scenarios due to geometric layouts of the road or footways. Audits are carried out by TfL to ensure safety of the charging machine designs and reduce negative impacts on all users. TfL will be able to provide evidence of the equalities guidance they follow for their charge point auditing.

Individual boroughs will be best placed to answer your questions relating to electric vehicle charge points delivered in that borough and whether applications went before councillor committees. In brief, for charge points on borough highway, planning permission was not required as 'the erection of electric vehicle charging points and any associated infrastructure' by Local Authorities on their highways in 'Permitted development' under Part 12 Class A of Schedule 2 of The Town and country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015. To support boroughs to deliver charge points on borough highway, TfL published an on-street electric vehicle charge point installation guidance that gives considerations for all users of the street, <https://lruc.content.tfl.gov.uk/london-electric-vehicle-charge-point-installation-guidance-december-2019.pdf>.

Electric vehicle charge point suppliers and operators are best placed to answer your query on evidence that the charge point devices comply with disability and equality laws.

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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[Redacted], Air Quality Team

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