

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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Our Ref: MGLA040319-6961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 3 March 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. *What is happening with the Isle of Dogs and South Poplar Opportunity Area Planning Framework? it was supposed to be signed off December 2018. When will it be released?*

*Are TfL & GLA staff currently working on or helping to deliver any of the projects described in the draft OAPF (excluding the Rotherhithe bridge, DLR expansion, Billingsgate Fish market relocation)*

*<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/implementing-london-plan/opportunity-areas/opportunity-areas/isle-dogs-and-south-poplar-opportunity-area>*

Officers have been updating the IoDSP OAPF in response to public consultation and in line with emerging LBTH Local Plan policy. It is expected that the final document will be adopted by the GLA in April 2019. GLA, TfL and LBTH officers continue to progress various delivery workstreams and are also actively engaging through the GLA's Infrastructure Development Co-ordination Unit Isle of Dogs pilot project supporting upfront planning of utilities infrastructure in the area.

2. *How many GLA & TfL staff are working full time on the development of each individual Opportunity Area? For example I have heard 11 staff are working on the Royal Docks and 55 on Old Oak Opportunity Area I am specifically interested in the following but would like a table for all staff active on each active OA*

*Royal Docks Opportunity Area  
Old Oak Common Opportunity Area  
Isle of Dogs and South Poplar Opportunity Area  
Vauxhall, Nine Elms, Battersea Opportunity Area*

The Planning team's core OAPF/Design/Local Plan staff comprises 7 full time staff members all of which work flexibly to support a range of Growth Strategy workstreams. The development of

OAPFs also draws on extensive resource from GLA Development Management, London Plan, Regeneration, Communities and Intelligence, Environment and Transport teams. This allows dedicated expertise to be brought into each project as required and ensures consistency of outputs.

Our internal staffing structures are flexible to allow for each project to utilise the skills necessary to progress the project and for this reason we do not have 'fixed' staffing per project. The staffing numbers quoted for the Royal Docks and OPDC relate to specifically bespoke MDCs or Delivery teams and are not directly comparable to OAPF delivery as their function has a far wider statutory remit (OPDC acts as its own planning authority for example). At the moment, planning staff are actively working on the Isle of Dogs, Thamesmead and Abbey Wood, Bexley Riverside, and Royal Docks OAPFs. No planning staff are working on the Vauxhall, Nine Elms, Battersea, or OPDC OAs.

In addition, OAPFs are progressed with dedicated staff from TfL and the partner local authorities.

The Royal Docks team is a joint initiative with the London Borough of Newham encompassing development management, investment promotion, regeneration and events and creative programming. They are not leading on preparation of the OAPF. Further details can be found here: [www.royaldocks.london/](http://www.royaldocks.london/)

### *3. How many TfL staff are working on the Rotherhithe bridge project team*

The GLA does not hold this information. Transport for London (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).

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this email

Yours sincerely



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