

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA041018-4486

30 October 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 4 October 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our response to your request is as follows:

Please provide a copy of all communications between

A) The Office of Sadiq Khan

B) The Office of the deputy mayor for Transport

And Crossrail Ltd concerning progress of the construction of the Elizabeth Line from 1st January 2017 to date.

Please find attached the information we have identified as within scope of your request. Please note that the names of some members of staff and references to personal information is exempt from disclosure under s.40 (Personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act. This information could potentially identify specific employees and as such constitutes as personal data which is defined by Article 4(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to mean any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual. It is considered that disclosure of this information would contravene the first data protection principle under Article 5(1) of GDPR which states that Personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject.

You may be interested to know that further information on this topic is in the public domain already:

Crossrail is discussed at the TfL board meetings:

- 19 September paper: <http://content.tfl.gov.uk/board-20180919-agenda-andpapers.pdf>
- 25 July paper: <http://content.tfl.gov.uk/board-20180725-item10-crossrail-update.pdf>

All board papers can be found here: <https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-andreports/board-papers>

The Mayor, Sadiq Khan; TfL's Commissioner, Mike Brown; Sir Terry Morgan, Chairman of Crossrail Ltd; and Simon Wright, Chief Executive Officer of Crossrail Ltd appeared in front of the London Assembly on 6 September to discuss Crossrail.

The full transcript of this discussion can be found here:
<https://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s72422/Appendix%20%20-%20Crossrail%20-%20London%20Assembly%20Plenary%20060918%20v3%20TY.pdf>

The Deputy Mayor for Transport, Heidi Alexander; David Hughes, Director of Strategy and Network Development at Transport for London; Sir Terry Morgan, Chairman of Crossrail Ltd; and Simon Wright, Chief Executive Officer of Crossrail Ltd also appeared in front of the London Assembly Transport Committee on 12 September.

The full transcript of this discussion can be found here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s72546/Draft%20Minutes%20-%20Appendix%20%20-%20Elizabeth%20Line.pdf>

In the Transport Committee session, the Deputy Mayor for Transport made clear that she believes that there is very significant public interest in this matter and she has asked Crossrail to publish the minutes of their Board meetings as soon as possible.

The Deputy Mayor for Transport has also written to the Chair of the Transport Committee following that meeting:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s72581/Deputy%20Mayor%20for%20Transport%20on%20Crossrail.pdf>

Crossrail's press release about the delay can be found here:

<http://www.crossrail.co.uk/news/articles/elizabeth-line-services-through-central-london-to-start-in-2019>

And the most recent Written Ministerial Statement on the issue can be found here:

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers/statements/written-statement/Commons/2018-07-24/HCWS918/>

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA041018-4486.

Yours sincerely

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