

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA091019-4381

18 October 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 9 October 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You asked for:

Could you please send me a copy of the independent assessment of London's 1.5 degree C trajectory, conducted by the C40 network of big cities

Our response to your request is as follows:

We have now made this independent assessment (undertaken by Arup and commissioned by C40) available on our website, along with the letter from C40 confirming that London has developed a Paris Agreement compatible climate action plan. These documents can be accessed on the following webpage, under the heading "Related documents", and listed as Appendix 6 (Final Climate Action Plan Assessment) and Appendix 7 (C40 Climate Action Plan Letter):

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/london-environment-strategy>

You also submitted a second request (GLA reference MGLA091019-4380) for correspondence between:

- (a) C40 and the office of the Mayor,
- (b) C40 and the office of the Deputy Mayor for Transport
- (c) C40 and the staff members in charge of compiling and publishing the report "Zero carbon London: a 1.5C compatible plan"

As the Mayor and GLA work extensively with the C40 leadership group on many issues, please can you specify the subject matter you are seeking correspondence on? Is it correspondence relating specifically to the development of the "Zero Carbon London: a 1.5C compatible plan"? Or is it specifically emails relating to the independent assessment of our climate action plan?

The reason for asking for this clarification is that the decision to produce "Zero carbon London: a 1.5C compatible plan" (hereafter referred to as the ZCL report) was made in the months after the publication of the London Environment Strategy (LES) and after the independent

assessment of our climate strategy by Arup. The LES and the underlying reports represent our climate action plan. However, the ZCL report was conceived as a public facing document which made more prominent the analysis which was undertaken for the LES and acted as a call to arms on all the different action that needed to be taken in London on climate.

The ZCL report was written internally in the GLA, with very little communication with C40, but based entirely on the analysis and strategy developed for the London Environment Strategy, and which had been analysed by Arup and C40 to comprise a Paris Agreement compatible plan.

Therefore, we would like to clarify which correspondence you would like to see. Is it correspondence relating to the independent assessment undertaken by C40 or is it emails relating to the publication of the ZCL report?

However, if you no longer require the email correspondence, following the publication of the report and letter on our website, please also let us know.

Yours sincerely


Information Governance Officer

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