

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA100920-3867

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Dear [REDACTED]

## **Freedom of Information request - The LTN in Tooting**

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 10 September 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked for:

*I would like to know who gave the go ahead please as I will endeavour to remove them from their post with the support of thousands of local residents. We never want to experience such bullying and abuse again.*

Our response to your request is as follows:

As part of the response to the pandemic, The Mayor of London, through Transport for London (TfL), is working closely with London boroughs to create more space for people to walk and cycle safely as part of the Streetspace programme. The programme includes the creation of temporary cycle lanes on main roads, wider pavements on high-streets, and the creation of low-traffic neighbourhoods on residential streets.

All London boroughs were encouraged to bid for funds to implement schemes, including low-traffic neighbourhoods, to enable more walking and cycling. The funding for these bids was provided by the Department for Transport (DfT) as part of the emergency response to COVID-19, and the DfT requested that TfL allocate this funding to the London boroughs on its behalf. Boroughs submitted bids to TfL for schemes that they wished to implement, which were then assessed against a range of criteria. There is more detail about how these assessments are carried out on the TfL website:

<https://tfl.gov.uk/infofor/boroughs-and-communities/streetspace-funding>

Pages 7 and 8 of this guidance document set out the legal and regulatory processes of the Traffic Management Act that TfL and the boroughs use to assess and approve schemes such as low-traffic neighbourhoods when they are predicted to have an impact on either the Strategic Road Network, or the Transport for London Road Network:

<http://content.tfl.gov.uk/lspinterim-borough-guidance-main-doc.pdf>.

Where schemes are deemed to have impacts, TfL exercise these powers by reviewing proposals and providing recommendations on changes to ease traffic flow.

The schemes funded through this process are temporary and being delivered under Emergency or Experimental Temporary Traffic Orders as part of the response to COVID-19. Whilst consultation requirements for these types of changes are minimal, a full consultation would need to be undertaken should the borough propose to make any measures permanent.

Whilst TfL evaluated the bids and allocated the funding for a number of low-traffic neighbourhood schemes in Wandsworth, this was at the request of Government as an emergency response to COVID-19. The submission of the initial bids, the development of the schemes, and the implementation and monitoring of the funded schemes is the responsibility of Wandsworth Council. On Friday 11 September, Wandsworth Council [announced](#) that it would suspend the Tooting Low Traffic Neighbourhood Trials following feedback from residents.

You may wish to contact Wandsworth Council directly for information which they hold regarding the development and implementation of these low-traffic neighbourhood schemes.

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

Yours sincerely

  
**Information Governance Officer**

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