

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA231017-1319

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 20 October 2017. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

*I would like to know whether you could provide me with the following information: how many water fountains are there in London? How many are in use and how many are not functioning anymore?*

The GLA does not hold any information within the scope of your request.

However, you can find existing fountains at [www.findafountain.org](http://www.findafountain.org) which maps the location of water fountains across the city.

There are also apps showing locations where people can re-fill their own bottles or flasks, for example <http://www.tapwater.org/>

The Mayor is supportive of water fountains and the availability of free drinking water for all Londoners and visitors. While there are a number of water fountains available across the city, Greater London Authority (GLA) staff have previously investigated how to increase the number. During this work some barriers were encountered including:

- High installation costs of a piped water supply particularly at London Underground stations
- Limited response from the market on innovative funding streams for water fountain installation and maintenance

The Mayor is developing a number of initiatives to increase access to free tap drinking water including calling on food businesses to act as refill points, and to re-investigate the feasibility of installing water refill points at strategic points including transport hubs across the city. I

encourage you visit [www.london.gov.uk/environment](http://www.london.gov.uk/environment) to view the Mayor's waste policies set out in his draft London Environment Strategy for public consultation.

The London Plan requires that new developments should include drinking water fountains where appropriate.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA231017-1319

Yours sincerely

**Ruth Phillips**  
**Information Governance Officer**

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