

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our ref: MGLA091120-9650

7 December 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 09 November 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You asked for:

...the levels of air pollution in Hyde Park, Regents Park and St James's Park in the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Our response to your request is as follows:

We do not hold the specific data requested, though we do hold some information which may be helpful / relevant.

- The London Atmospheric Emissions Inventory (LAEI) provides Londonwide annual average concentrations for previous years including 2016. The LAEI will be updated in the new year with data for 2019, more information is available here: <https://data.london.gov.uk/air-quality/>
- We have produced an air quality map which shows 2016 air pollution concentrations and the locations of air quality monitoring stations. There are a number of air quality monitoring stations around Hyde Park, Regents Park and St James's Park. The data from these stations is publicly available. The data can be downloaded from the websites which the map provides links for: <https://maps.london.gov.uk/air-quality/>
- The GLA have also produced a Green Infrastructure Focus Map, which is a new tool and evidence base to help London's decision-makers identify where green infrastructure improvements and investments might be best targeted, and what kind of interventions might be most useful for the needs of a specific area. This includes consideration of air pollution. More information available here: <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/green-infrastructure-focus-map>
- You may also be interested in an independent study by Imperial College London, based on the GLA London Atmospheric Emission Inventory, which estimated annual average NO₂ levels for 2016 for each park, garden and playground in London: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/963af101f5f044cb8e998d624cef1325>

- In addition, Hyde Park, Regent's Park and St James's Park are managed by the Royal Parks charity (www.royalparks.org.uk) who may be able to provide further information about air quality in the parks.

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

Yours sincerely


Air Quality Manager

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