

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA101120-9626

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 9 November 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for:

The request is specific to your council and concerns low-traffic neighbourhoods.

My questions are as follows:

- 1. Has your council implemented or planned any new low-traffic neighbourhoods (LTNs) since 16 March 2020?*
- 2. How many individual LTNs has your council implemented or planned since 16 March? (please break numbers down by implemented and planned schemes.)*
- 3. What costs (estimated or actual) have been accrued because of these LTNs? Please break the data down by implemented schemes, and projected costs for planned schemes, if possible and relevant. Please also break costs down by areas as logged by your council (EG marketing, signage, consultation, physical works) if this level of detail would not take too long to acquire within the scope of FOI guidelines.*
- 4. Has your council reversed/removed any installed LTNs since March 16 2020? Or has your council decided against installing LTNs that had previously been planned?*
- 5. Has your council altered any LTNs following their installation after feedback from residents or other stakeholders?*
- 6. What costs (estimated or actual) have been accrued in the process of returning roads to their pre-LTN state, or altering LTNs following stakeholder feedback? Please break these costs down by area of expense, if possible.*

Our response to your request is as follows:

The Greater London Authority (GLA) is London's strategic government and does not operate in the same way as local Borough Councils. We therefore do not hold the information to be able to respond to your request in full.

The Mayor's Streetspace programme, funded by Government as an emergency response to the coronavirus pandemic, and overseen by Transport for London (TfL), includes a range of measures to enable people to walk and cycle more whilst social distancing reduces capacity on public transport. Temporary cycle lanes, wider pavements and low traffic neighbourhoods are among the changes TfL and boroughs are making.

Low traffic neighbourhoods (LTNs) are a long-standing transport planning tool used to reduce through-traffic in neighbourhoods and provide a better environment for short walking and cycling trips to local high streets and town centres. Streets in LTNs remain open for residents, businesses and visitors, especially to walk and cycle, but discourage other traffic from using neighbourhood streets as a short-cut to get to main roads.

In the first 6 months of the programme, 96 new low traffic neighbourhoods have been delivered by the London boroughs. The GLA has not delivered any low traffic neighbourhoods; through TfL it only oversees London's strategic roads. If you haven't already, you may like to contact individual boroughs to request the detailed information you are seeking about the schemes they manage: <https://www.london.gov.uk/in-my-area>

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