

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA020821-9385

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 26 July 2021. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You asked for:

In a response to the above question, the Mayor in paragraph 2 made the following response:

I understand that an independent review of the proposed PTS was undertaken before its introduction and that council officers estimated that a targeted PTS would be acceptable up to 2020. It was acknowledged that a review of the scheme may be required. Given that the PTS has now been in operation for several years, I would suggest the Council undertakes a review of the impact, need and parameters of the scheme in the light of the clear objectives of my London Plan.

- 1. Please can you provide all correspondence and documents that led to the Mayor providing the answer in the first and second sentence of the response?*
- 2. It would appear that in the third sentence the Mayor suggests that a review of the PTS is necessary, such that the London Plan is not compromised by the PTS.*
- 3. What powers does the Mayor have to ensure that the London Plan with regard to on street vehicle parking is not compromised by the Mayor of Tower Hamlets, and that a review of parking is conducted?*
- 4. The Isle of Dogs is seen as a significant development area and required to deliver new housing. A significant percentage will be 'affordable/social' which under the Tower Hamlets PTS is generating a significant number of additional 'on street' parking permits being granted, completely undermining the London Plan.*
- 5. How will the Mayor address this issue?*
- 6. Should permits granted under the PTS be rescinded?*

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. The information came from a 2011 Committee report which is available on Tower Hamlets website seeking approval for the introduction of PTS:

<https://democracy.towerhamlets.gov.uk/documents/s23210/Permit%20Transfer%20Scheme.pdf>

2. The suggestion of undertaking a review of the impact, need and parameters of the scheme was made in the context of the Tower Hamlets Committee report acknowledging that a review of the scheme may be required and the time that has elapsed since the introduction of PTS. This period has included publication of the London Plan 2021 and it therefore seems appropriate that a review be undertaken. However the Mayor of London has no direct role in the matter because PTS is a borough policy developed by Tower Hamlets in its capacity as the local housing authority.
4. The Isle of Dogs is seen as a significant development area and required to deliver new housing. A significant percentage will be 'affordable/social' which under the Tower Hamlets PTS is generating a significant number of additional 'on street' parking permits being granted, completely undermining the London Plan.
5. The Mayor of London does not have information on the number of 'on street' parking permits that are being granted under the PTS in the Isle of Dogs. The criteria that must be met which are published on the Tower Hamlets website include restricting PTS to applicants in overcrowded housing moving to 3+ bedroom car free housing rented at below market rate who have held an existing residents' parking permit for at least 12 months
6. The issue of whether to rescind any permits granted under the PTS is not an issue for the Mayor of London. As stated, the PTS policy is administered by Tower Hamlets in its capacity as the local housing authority

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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