GREATERLONDON AUTHORITY

(By email)

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Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 12 August 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

You asked for:

What (a) powers and (b) influence do the Mayor and London Assembly have to intervene with London Councils to stop, or modify, LTN schemes that Councils such as that in Ealing are implementing? Is the London Assembly/Mayor's Office providing any funding for LTNs? LTN = low traffic neighbourhood.

Our response to your request is as follows:

The Mayor of London, through Transport for London, 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.

As part of this programme, boroughs submit bids to Transport for London for schemes that they wish to implement, which are 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/info-for/boroughs-and-communities/streetspace-funding

TfL has provided funding to Ealing for a number of low-traffic neighbourhoods.

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/lsp-interim-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 London Assembly has no powers to intervene in these schemes but can make representations to decision makers at councils and Transport for London, and to the Mayor of London.

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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