



Our ref: RFI00320
Your ref: Mr Simon Birkett

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1st July 2010



Dear Mr Birkett

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

We refer to your request dated 2nd June 2010 requesting the following information:

Please send me copies of any information held by the ODA that supports in any way the following statement(s) relating to air quality attributed to the ODA in the Commission for Sustainable London 2012's Annual Review 2009 e.g. "We are advised by the ODA Director of Transport that there will be no road and limited lane closures.... Whilst there will be some inevitable disruption the impact on London's air quality is likely to be minimal" (page 57).

For your convenience I attach a link to the Commission for Sustainable London 2012's Annual Review 2009:

<http://www.cslondon.org/publications/?category=1&did=39>

I would be interested in any information held by the ODA regarding my request e.g. analysis or reports prepared by others for the ODA and/or emails or minutes of meetings held on this subject including in relation to the wider air quality impacts of the Olympic Route Network and its knock-on effects during 2012.

We confirm that we hold some of the information of the description specified in your request.

The provision of transport for spectators to the Olympic and Paralympic Games (the Games) is an important part of the host city bid commitments and is mandated under the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act 2006. The



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ODA has made considerable investment in transport infrastructure and is working to use the inspirational power of the Games to influence behaviour toward sustainable travel.

The Transport Strategy is based around the concept of transporting 100% of spectators to the Games by public transport, walking and cycling. To help achieve this, spectators will receive free travel in London on the day of the event. Games family clients will also be able to use the public transport system within Greater London free of charge.

In accordance with the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (SI 2004 No. 1633), a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Transport Plan 1st edition was undertaken in 2006. The report concluded: *"...the duration of the period for which the Transport Plan will be operational (i.e. only some two months) means that all the effects identified will be temporary in nature. On this basis, the SEA has not identified any significant adverse environmental effect that will be likely to arise from the operation of the measures contained in the Transport Plan"*. (Please see below for information about where you can find a copy of this report on the London 2012 website).

The SEA is currently being updated to consider any changes to the Transport Plan and assess information which was not available at the early stage of the initial assessment, a notable example being the Olympic Route Network (ORN).

The ODA recognises the importance of air quality to a healthy and sustainable environment and ODA Transport commissioned a Phase I Air Quality Analysis of the ORN. Please find attached the report of this initial analysis.

A strategy of managing background (non-Games) traffic will be implemented. This will involve a wide variety of measures to reduce background travel on key routes during the Games. Evidence from previous Games is that background traffic reductions in the range of 10-30% can take place during Games time, termed the "Games effect". Early modelling looked, as an example, at 30% reduction and the associated decrease in air pollutants. Further forecasting work is currently in progress.

We can advise you that LOCOG has agreed stringent environmental standards with the automotive supplier BMW, for further details please see the following press release on the London 2012 website:

<http://www.london2012.com/press/media-releases/2009/11/london-2012-plans-move-up-a-gear-with-bmw-announced-as-the-latest-sponsor.php>

Under Regulation 6 of the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already publicly available and easily accessible to you.

Some of the reports prepared in relation to air quality impacts of the ORN are available on the London 2012 website. Please see below list of reports and the links to the London 2012 website where the reports can be found:

- SEA: October 2006

<http://www.london2012.com/documents/oda-transport/environmental-report-for-the-transport-plan-for-the-london-2012-olympic-and-.pdf>

- SEA: Post Adoption Statement

<http://www.london2012.com/documents/oda-transport/post-adoption-statement.pdf>

- Olympic Transport Plan 2nd edition consultation draft

<http://www.london2012.com/making-it-happen/transport/transport-plan.php>

- Environmental Statement: 5 May 2007

<http://www.london2012.com/documents/oda-planning/planning-applications/environmental-statement-non-technical-summary.pdf>

Please find attached the following documents/e-mail held in relation to the wider air quality impacts of the ORN:

- SEA: Scoping Report – 2nd Edition
- Table showing the Global Percentage Changes in Pollutants
- Map showing CO2 Reduction with Games Effect
- E-mail exchange between Arup and ODA Transport

We do not hold any minutes of meetings which refer to the wider air quality impacts of the ORN and its knock-on effects during 2012. Therefore we are unable to communicate this information to you.

We hope this is of assistance. Under Regulation 11 you may make representations to the ODA if it appears to you that the ODA has failed to comply with a requirement of EIR's in relation to this request. Representations must be made in writing to the ODA no later than 40 working days after the date on which you believe that the ODA has failed to comply. You should write to the Information Officer, Olympic Delivery Authority, One Churchill Place, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5LN. Please state detailed grounds for your complaint. The ODA shall on receipt of the representations consider them and any supporting evidence produced by you, and decide if it has complied with the requirement. The ODA shall notify you of its decision as soon as possible and no later than 40 working days after the date of receipt of the representations.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner will not make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaint procedure provided by the ODA. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. You have the right to appeal to the Information Tribunal if you are not satisfied with a decision of the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely



Information Officer
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