



17 March 2022

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 22-002

Dear 

Thank you for your information request, received on 17 February 2022. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

"I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- 1. Does your authority have an electric vehicle charging transition strategy (or equivalent)?*
- 2. Have you published this strategy? If so, please provide a link to or copy of the document.*
- 3. How many public electric vehicle chargers have been installed within your authority's jurisdiction?*
- 4. How many electric vehicle chargers have been installed within your authority's jurisdiction in each of the last three years (2019, 2020, 2021)?*
- 5. How many electric vehicle chargers do you intend to be installed within your authority's jurisdiction in each of the next three years (2022, 2023, 2024)?*

I would like to receive this information in electronic format, if possible.

[Background information: The UK Government are committed to phasing out new Petrol and Diesel vehicles by 2030. However, there are real concerns that not enough resource is being provided to ensure there is a public charging infrastructure that will be able to support the level of demand from electric vehicles that policy would entail. These requests are aimed at achieving a better understanding of where individual authorities are at in their efforts to provide public charging infrastructure within their jurisdictions.]"

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation holds information which falls within the scope of your request. The information relevant to your request is below. Our response follows your order:

Q1. Does your authority have an electric vehicle charging transition strategy (or equivalent)?

The Legacy Corporation does not have an electric vehicle charging transition strategy but has strategic and technical feasibility information relating to electric charging.

However, the Legacy Corporation is withholding this information under the following FOIA exemption: Section 43(2) – commercial interests.

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(2) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

Section 43(2) is a qualified exemption and subject to the prejudice test and the public interest test. Under the prejudice test we have to consider if disclosure of this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice our commercial interests or the commercial interests of a third party.

Consideration is also given to the harm disclosing this information would be likely to cause, combined with other information already in the public domain (mosaic effect) or possibly released at a future date (precedent effect). The public interest test considers and balances the public interest in disclosing this information against the public interest in not disclosing this information and uses this assessment to decide whether there is sufficient justification in withholding this information under this exemption.

Information disclosed under the FOIA is considered to be public information, and while there is a presumption towards disclosure, consideration needs to be given as to who will have access to this information beyond the requestor and the purposes for which they could use the information.

Prejudice to commercial interests

The Legacy Corporation has assessed the impact of releasing the information withheld under the exemption s.43 – commercial interests in order to decide whether disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice their commercial interests or those of any third party(ies). The information contains details which could be used to form the basis of a future tender or partnership and have concluded that prejudice to commercial interests would likely to be caused by disclosure, so the exemption is engaged.

The Legacy Corporation considers that releasing the information withheld under section 43(2) would prejudice their commercial interests as it will reveal details which could be used to form the basis of a future tender or partnership and prejudice the tendering process.

Public Interest Test

There is, of course, a public interest in promoting transparency of public authorities' decisions and accountability, however, the disclosure of the information withheld as commercially sensitive would be likely to prejudice their commercial interests or those of any third party(ies) because, if this information was in the public domain, it will reveal details which would be likely to impact on future procurement exercises and negotiations.

It is the view of the Legacy Corporation that, at this time, the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

Q2. Have you published this strategy? If so, please provide a link to or copy of the document.

Please see response to question 1 above.

Q3. How many public electric vehicle chargers have been installed within your authority's jurisdiction?

The Planning Authority monitoring shows that from 2015 to present 188 charging points have been delivered as part of development schemes with planning permission. This figure does not account for all charging points or all public charging points that may have been delivered in the Legacy Corporation's area.

Q4. How many electric vehicle chargers have been installed within your authority's jurisdiction in each of the last three years (2019, 2020, 2021)?

2019 - 38

2020 - 26

2021 - 33

These figures relate to requirements from delivered development schemes in the Legacy Corporation's area that have a planning permission (with the same qualification as above).

Q5. How many electric vehicle chargers do you intend to be installed within your authority's jurisdiction in each of the next three years (2022, 2023, 2024)?

While not necessarily installed by the Legacy Corporation, planning permissions identify an expectation that 162 would be delivered in total from nine major development schemes.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request and wish to make a request for an internal review of our response, you should write to:

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Please note: requests for internal reviews received more than forty working days after the initial response will not be handled.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may appeal directly to the Information Commissioner at the address given below. You should do this within two months of our final decision. There is no charge for making an appeal.

Further information on the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is available from the Information Commissioner's Office:

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Yours sincerely

FOI / EIR Co-ordinator
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