

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST : MAYORS TRANSPORT STRATEGY (2613)

(1) What publicity was undertaken across LB Tower Hamlets by TfL and by LB Tower Hamlets?

(1) Response: TfL informed Londoners of their consultation on the draft Mayor of London Transport Strategy via a variety of media, including: newspaper advertisements, the TfL website, posters on bus stops across London and TfL leaflets. This was not a Tower Hamlets Council consultation and therefore it was not within the Council's remit to publicise another public organisation's consultation.

(2) What was published that explained the Draft Strategy and the consultation process and how were these made available?

(2) Response: Please refer to response at (1) above.

(3) What steps were taken to try to ensure a balanced cross-section of the public was made aware of the process?

(3) Response: Please refer to response at (1) above.

(4) Where were leaflets distributed, and how was this decided? What analysis suggested this would lead to a fair and balanced distribution across the community? **(4) Response: Please refer to response at (1) above.**

(5) What steps were taken to ensure that hard-to-reach sections of the community, such as those who travel exclusively by private car, were made aware of the consultation process and encouraged to participate in it? **(5) Response: This question should be referred to TfL for their consideration.**

(6) What consultation discussions took place between LB Tower Hamlets and TfL over how this process would operate? To what extent was the council consulted over the detail of the consultation, and what views did it express? **(6) Response: TfL organised stakeholder briefing meetings with local council through London Councils.**

(7) Is the council happy with the consultation process?

(7a) Response: Yes, the Council was satisfied with the consultation TfL organised with London Councils.

Was the council happy that the online questionnaire was so flagrantly biased?

(7b) Response: This question should be referred to TfL for their consideration.

Was the council happy that were responders allowed to pick as many as they chose from an uncoded wish-list?

(7c) Response: Yes, the Council was satisfied with the consultation TfL organised with London Councils.

(7) What steps were taken to inform and involve organisations likely to have an interest?

(7d) Response: This question should be referred to TfL for their consideration.

(8) What programme of meetings was organised?

(8a) Response: TfL organised stakeholder briefing meetings with local council officers through London Councils.

Did Tower Hamlets Council ask TfL to attend meetings of the council's Neighbourhood Partnerships, and how many did receive reports on the consultation from TfL? **(8b) Response: This question should be referred to TfL for their consideration.**

(9) How many meetings took place within LB Tower Hamlets between TfL and the council as part of the consultation process?

(9a) Response: A number of TfL briefing meetings took place with local councils through London Councils

What about with local groups in LB Tower Hamlets?

(9b) Response: This question should be referred to TfL for their consideration. The Council does not hold information in this regard.

(10) What pre-consultation took place with interested parties to ensure that the process was fair and balanced?

(10) Response: This question should be referred to TfL for their consideration. The Council does not hold information in this regard.

(11) Does the council support a MTS consultation on the Draft Mayor of London Transport Strategy that offers so little for the driver - private motorist or professional driver of taxi, minicab, van, lorry or bus?

(11a) Response: Tower Hamlets Council responded to this TfL consultation in accordance with this Council's land use and transport planning policies, including the Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy (http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgs/851-900/856_local_development_framework.aspx) and Sustainable Transport Strategy: 'Making Connections - towards a climate-friendly transport future - 2008-2033' (www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/makingconnections).

How important are private drivers in the overall use of transport in Tower Hamlets? Has the council expressed concerns over this unfair and unbalanced aspect of the consultation process? **(11b) Response: Refer to our response at 11 a above.**

(12) Does the council support a MTS in which the promotion of cycling within the draft MTS does not also include warnings on the dangers of this mode? **(12a) Response: This question should be referred to TfL for their consideration. The Council does not hold information in this regard.**

Does the council support the proposition that a mass switch to cycling would be beneficial justified, and on what evidence?

(12b) Response: Tower Hamlets Council does support an increase in cycling due its benefits related to tackling climate change, helping to reduce traffic pollution and noise and encouraging healthier, more active lifestyles.

(13) Does the council support a MTS consultation in which costings of various suggestions were not put forward, so that the public could see how much tax each would entail? **(13) Response: This question should be referred to TfL for their consideration. The Council does not hold information in this regard.**

(14) Does the council support a MTS consultation in which there was no question on the level of subsidy that each mode should receive? **(14) Response: This question should be referred to TfL for their consideration. The Council does not hold information in this regard.**

(15) Does the council support a MTS consultation in which no question is asked as to whether the users of a mode should bear all, most, some or whatever proportion of the costs of providing that mode? **(15) Response: This question should be referred to TfL for their consideration. The Council does not hold information in this regard.**

(16) What representations has or will the council make regarding the consultation process into the Draft MTS as a result of this enquiry or otherwise? **(16) Response: Tower Hamlets Council has submitted its response to the Mayor of London's TfL draft MTS2 and awaits with interest any TfL consultation feedback and the publication of the new TfL MTS later this year.**