

## Information Rights

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### Freedom of Information Act 2000

#### Subject: High carbon infrastructure and fossil fuel extraction planning

We write with regard to your recent enquiry for information held by the Council under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### Request

In particular, please supply me with information relating to the following questions:

a. Has the Council approved any new \*1 or expanded \*2 roads or road junctions in its area from 1st January 2019 until 1st January 2023? Please list which ones were accepted.

\*1 The intention of this question is to understand overall increases in road capacity, rather than recent housing developments. Please exclude minor roads built exclusively to connect new housing to the pre-existing road network.

\*2 An expanded road or road junction is one that has increased capacity for motor vehicle traffic, not counting bus lanes, cycle infrastructure, or pedestrian infrastructure. Please include roads and junctions where new lanes have been added.

b. Has the council approved any new or expanded airport runways, terminals, measures to increase passenger numbers or other planning proposals that expand airport capacity in its area since 1st January 2019 until 1st January 2023? Please list which ones were accepted.

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c. Has the Council approved any planning applications for fossil fuel extraction projects proposed in its area since 1st January 2019 until 1st January 2023? Please list which ones were accepted, including where relevant fossil fuel projects that were later 'called in' by central government.

By fossil fuel extraction projects we mean: any oil wells and fields (on or offshore), coal mines, fracking and shale gas, gas, natural (including liquified) gas (on or off shore) plants, and unabated fossil fuel generation and power plants well as related infrastructure such as pipelines and terminals for the fossil fuels.

## Response

- a. The Council have not carried out any works since 2019.
- b. No
- c. No

Please quote the FOI reference number provided above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be submitted to the contact details given above.

If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of our team at [InformationRightsTeam@newham.gov.uk](mailto:InformationRightsTeam@newham.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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