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Ms Hannah Jewell
By email

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear Ms Jewell

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Birmingham City Council. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

Request

I would like information about your council's planning in relation to climate action for the Council Climate Action Scorecards. This information is most likely to be held by a planning officer or similar.

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.

*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. 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.*

No schemes have been approved by the Council specifically to increase capacity for general traffic within the timescales or criteria referenced. Schemes that are approved by the Council align with adopted policies, including the Birmingham Transport Plan [[Birmingham transport plan | Birmingham transport plan | Birmingham City Council](#)], placing emphasis on the management of road space and traffic, including the reassignment of priority to more sustainable modes of transport including public transport, cycling and walking.

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.

There have been no applications for airport expansion or fossil fuel extraction.

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?

There have been no applications for airport expansion or fossil fuel extraction.

Please quote the reference number 50063734 in any future communications.

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Corporate Information Governance Team
PO Box 16366
Birmingham
B2 2YY
Email: infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk

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:

The Information Commissioner's Office

Website: www.ico.org.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

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