

25 February 2014

Our ref: 690364

Thank you for your request received on 30 January 2014, for the following information:

I am writing to request the answers to the following questions, on the subject of cycling within your borough, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. What percentage of your borough's total road kilometres consists of fully, hard segregated cycle routes?
2. How many total kilometres of fully, hard segregated cycle routes does this equate to?
3. Since the 6th of May 2010, how much money in pounds sterling has been spent from your borough's transport budget on creating further fully, hard segregated cycle routes?
4. In relation to the above question, what percentage of your total transport spend within your borough for the named period did this constitute?
5. For the period between the 1st of April 2014 and the 31st of March 2015, how much total money in pounds sterling from your borough's transport budget has been or will be allocated to creating further fully, hard segregated cycle routes?
6. For the period mentioned in question 5, what percentage of your borough's transport budget does this constitute?
7. What percentage of road kilometres under your sole control are 20mph roads?
8. Aside from the above mentioned, what other initiatives is your borough undertaking to improve the safety of cyclists on roads under your authority?

In this instance, hard segregation means where there is a kerb separating the standard road surface from the cycleway. It does not include shared footpath and cyclepath routes where this is no separation between the footway and the cycleway. Please only include cycleways that are solely under your council's control for this figure.

Total road kilometres is the distance of standard roads that are accessible to motorised vehicles, in addition to the distance of hard-segregated cycleways as described in the above paragraph. Please only include roads and cycleways that are solely under your council's control in this calculation.

Please email your responses in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet within 20 working days of this request being submitted, that is to say by the 28th of February 2014..

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

1. 0%
2. 0km
3. £0
4. 0%
5. £400k is provisionally identified for the provision of cycle routes, however the overall allocation is subject to review to accommodate a lower than expected allocation (see response to Q6). The form of those routes is yet to be determined although none are currently identified as hard segregated routes as defined above.
6. The main source of transport funding is the borough's Local Implementation Plan funding from TfL. Currently the value of the main transport programmes for 2014/15 (excluding maintenance programmes and specific project bids) is £3,425k. This is about 6% less than the figure expected when the sum referred to in Q5 was identified. In addition £242.5k has been allocated to the borough for 2014/15 via a specific TfL funded Borough Cycling Programme, but is not intended to provide cycle routes (it includes cycle parking, training, work with schools etc). The provisional figure of £400k above represents about 11% of the total allocation from these sources, although as noted above these routes may not include hard segregated routes as defined.
7. Approximately 3% of borough controlled road kilometers are 20mph roads.
8. Off-road and quiet road cycle routes being developed and provided in the borough (included within the funding referred to above). Cycle training and training for borough fleet drivers.

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