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Dear Mr Law

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
2000**

Please find below TfGM's response to your Freedom of Information request which was received at this office on 16 March 2016.

Information requested as set out in bold:

In the context of the recent bus priority works on the A580, I would like to request all documentation relating to:

1) *Assessments of the impartiality and accuracy of the modelling exercise*

Please note no further documentation is available from what you have already received. TfGM employed Mott MacDonald, a competent and experienced consultant who is recognised in the industry for carrying out traffic modelling and has undertaken modelling work for numerous organisations; therefore the modelling documents were accepted.

2) *The TFGM decision "that the East Lancs Road was one of the most congested key routes in Greater Manchester and therefore steps needed to be taken to enable this route to carry more people".*

This is evidenced in the document 'An Integrated Transport Strategy for Greater Manchester' published in 2005 (available via the link below).

http://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&frm=1&source=web&cd=7&ved=0ahUKEwi9mt6zx47MAhWGQZoKHaZ5AsAQFgg8MAY&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.tfgmc.gov.uk%2Fdownload%2F12%2Fgreater_mancheste

[r integrated transport strategy&usg=AFQjCNEXGhIJKhNrGIPbvwQ6MDuL-qJldQ](http://www.salford.gov.uk/transport-integrated-transport-strategy&usg=AFQjCNEXGhIJKhNrGIPbvwQ6MDuL-qJldQ)

3) Decisions made, prior to the 2002 report, relating to the placing of bus lanes

The Greater Manchester Local Transport Plan 2001/20 – 2005/06 references the Leigh-Manchester-Salford busway scheme. The scheme was identified as a major scheme within the Greater Manchester transport strategy. The LTP was subject to a public consultation which endorsed the GM transport strategy approach. (Please refer to relevant LTP documentation as attached).

4) Decisions about the design of the Worsley Road A580 junction.

5) Considerations relating to criminal activity in or around subways in the context of the recent bus priority works including any (anonymised) feedback, comments or correspondence from users of the subways and from local schools.

Please note we do not hold any information in this regard. Decisions and considerations as requested in questions 4 and 5 above were made by Salford City Council/Urban Vision.

You may wish to send your request to Salford City Council – contact details are as follows:

Information Officer
Salford City Council
Civic Centre
Chorley Road
Swinton
Salford
M27 5DA

Email: freedomofinformation@salford.gov.uk

6) Assessments or consideration of whether the 2002 and 2005 reports was adequate or up to date enough when the works commenced.

A report produced in 2011 for the Cross City Bus Package validated the modelling (please refer to the attached document).

If you are not satisfied with the response in this letter you may ask for an internal review. If you would like an internal review you should contact me in the first instance. My e-mail address is at the end of this letter.

If you remain dissatisfied after an internal review has been undertaken, you have a right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Office of the Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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Please remember to quote the above reference number in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Ivinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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