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Dear Mr Stevenson,

Freedom of Information Act 2000
Request for Information: Information Provided
Please quote our reference: E22312
Subject: Risk assessment of Canning Lane/Abbey Road with relation to Greenway Closure

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

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Request

Please provide the risk assessment that led to the council to decide that it could not adequately manage the risks involved in closing the greenway at Canning Road, rather than at Manor Road.

Response

The Greenway is a Thames Water asset. Although Newham attended a walk through of the diversion routes for both pedestrians and cyclists, it was Thames Water's decision to close the Greenway.

Newham's officers have not carried out any risk assessment on the Canning Road, Abbey Road junction, but did highlight concerns to Thames Water when they originally chose Canning Road as a diversion route. The concerns were due to the fact that the footway is non-existent on the south side of Abbey Road between Canning Road, and closure at the Greenway Abbey Road steps. Canning Road also has a large plant machinery company working from there, with the bell mouth at the junction being exceptionally wide with two vehicle entrances straddling it. Abbey Road has the down slope from the railway bridge with no pedestrian crossing facility or dropped kerbs for a north south crossing. The visibility for a crossing point here is also restricted due to the brow of the hill and the bends in the road.

After pointing these issues out, Thames Water made the decision to close the Greenway at Manor Road with a signed diversion route. As all the routes chosen are public highways, it would be a decision for the pedestrian/cyclist to follow the signed route, or find their own alternative. The routes chosen by Thames takes into account the most vulnerable of roads users, both pedestrians and cyclists.

If you require any further information or are not happy with our response please do not hesitate to contact a member of our team on (020) 8430 2000 or email us at information.governance@newham.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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