

17th December 2020

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Freedom of Information Act Request – F0019107

Dear Ian Norris

Thank you for your information request of 14th November 2020. You requested the following information:

‘...correspondence between yourselves and Stoke on Trent City Council, concerning the recent allocation of Active Travel funding, and your assessment of tranche 1 spending. You have advised that Authorities that were awarded less than bid for would receive feedback, it is this feedback and any additional assessment or correspondence concerning tranche 1 and tranche 2 bids that I am requesting.’

Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to confirm that the Department does hold the information you requested. Details are provided below.

Feedback for tranche one of the Active Travel Fund was supplied to Local Authorities on request. The Department does not have a record of receiving a request for feedback from Stoke on Trent Council.

In respect of Stoke on Trent’s tranche two bid for the Active Travel Fund the following feedback was provided;

Bid Feedback and Further Evidence Required

Summary of feedback for bids that received less than 100%:

Would have benefitted from mapping and perhaps other drawn details to illustrate the ambition. The lack of separation from buses will not aid user experience for nonconfident cyclists. Lacked consideration of cycle hire schemes versus cheaper options such as cycle parking improvements. There is no clear justification for cycle hire operations in city centre and a lack of a management framework for its long term operation and associated costs.

Further evidence required:

- *Provide further evidence on how you will meet design standards set out in LTN 1/20*
- *Justification for cycle hire operations in city centre and a framework for long term operation of cycle hire and associated costs.*

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Yours sincerely

J Sweetman

Active Travel Division, Department for Transport

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