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Dear Mr. Mooney,

**Re: Request for Internal Review under Freedom of Information Act 2000 – case 804511**

Thank you for your request for an internal review, received 17 July 2015. We have now completed our investigations into your request for an internal review with the assistance of the departments concerned.

**Your original request for information (RFI)**

Your RFI was received on 26 June 2015 and responded to on 13 July 2015. Please find a copy of H&F's RFI response attached.

**Your request for an internal review and our investigation**

We have extracted your internal review questions and italicised and emboldened these below. Your full request for an internal review is attached.

***“I have had a chance to review the single file indicated as the entire response to my FOI request (the link given was for the Cabinet Agenda pack, 6 Oct 2014, section 12). I am afraid that I am far from satisfied with the response, as it only scratches the surface of the information required to do justice to the request.*”**

**H&F IR Response:** We have considered your internal review request with reference to your original request for information (RFI). Your RFI requested information relating to H&F's consultation on the implementation of 20mph speed limits across the borough. In particular, your RFI was for ***“all releasable information leading to the decision to proceed with the consultation, between the election of the new administration on 22 May 2014 and 9 June 2015*”**

In order to complete our internal review, we contacted the Transportation Policy team as the service area who would hold the requested information, where it is held by H&F.

They have explained that the “decision to proceed with the consultation” was taken at the Cabinet meeting on 06 October 2014. H&F's RFI response provided a link to the Cabinet Agenda pack for this meeting. The proposal, which formed part of the proposed 2015/16 integrated transport programme, was developed in line with the Labour group's manifesto document 'The change we need'. In particular point 5 'greening the borough, being fair to drivers and better for cycling'.

Information relevant to your RFI would therefore only cover information created between 22 May 2014, the election of the new administration, and 06 October 2014, when the decision to proceed with the consultation was taken.

Work to carry out a feasibility design and consultation on a borough wide 20mph speed limit, including development of an engagement strategy, were planned to commence after the Cabinet had agreed the funding for this work, on 06 October 2014.

With this context, we have reviewed the requested information with the Transportation Policy team and they have confirmed that, other than the information which is already publicly available on H&F's website in the Cabinet Agenda pack for 06 October 2014, H&F does not hold any further information which led to the decision to proceed with the consultation on 06 October 2014 as no work on the feasibility design and consultation took place before this date.

The Transportation Policy team have advised that work on the consultation and some work on the feasibility design was undertaken after 06 October 2014 and prior to the consultation starting on 09 June 2015. However, the majority of the feasibility design work will take place after the consultation has ended and the consultation responses have been analysed. The outputs of this work will inform a Cabinet report which is currently planned for late 2015/early 2016 and which will be published ahead of the Cabinet Meeting in the 'Council Democracy' section of H&F's website:

[http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/Directory/Council and Democracy/Committee reports minutes and agendas/Committee\\_Archive/Cabinet.asp](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/Directory/Council%20and%20Democracy/Committee%20reports%20minutes%20and%20agendas/Committee_Archive/Cabinet.asp)

- a. *In particular it omits casualty data factored into any reason to propose borough-wide 20mph speed limits. I cannot believe that there is no further data available, as [Officer name redacted] used various statistics in a presentation to the open scrutiny committee meeting on 9 June.***

**H&F's IR Response:** H&F did not gather or use any casualty data or statistics as supporting information to lead to the decision to proceed with the consultation, taken on 06 October 2014, as the proposal was developed in line with the Labour group's manifesto document 'The change we need' and no work on the feasibility design or consultation took place before that date.

H&F may hold casualty data that was presented to the Open Scrutiny Committee meeting on 09 June 2015. However, we consider that this information was not covered by your RFI, 804511.

Should you wish to submit a new request for this information please contact the H&F In Touch team using the contact details below:

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- b. *"It is also light on ballpark costings - for instance, given the history of the council installing speed humps in the borough, I cannot believe that there is no releasable data (even generalised costs) for their possible installation in support of 20mph limits. The figures in the file indicated do not indicate any estimated ongoing costs for the maintenance, monitoring and policing a borough-wide 20mph limit that would fall outside the TFL budget (i.e. would need to be met by LBH&F)."***

**H&F's IR Response:** H&F did not gather or use any ballpark costings as supporting information to lead to the decision to proceed with the consultation, taken on 06 October 2014, as the proposal was developed in line with the Labour group's manifesto document 'The change we need' and no work on the feasibility design or consultation took place before that date.

This information may be gathered and used as part of the feasibility design work which is ongoing and expected to complete in late 2015/early 2016.  
Should you wish to submit a new request for any information which H&F holds in relation to this, then please contact the H&F In Touch team using the contact details provided above.

**c. *“Having read the single file indicated, I would also expect the FOI response to have included any documents produced in developing and following an engagement strategy (see p179, item 7.3).”***

**H&F’s IR Response:** H&F did not produce any documents as part of developing or following an engagement strategy which led to the decision to proceed with the consultation, taken on 06 October 2014, as the proposal was developed in line with the Labour group’s manifesto document ‘The change we need’ and no work on the engagement strategy, took place before that date.

This information may have been or will be produced as part of the consultation and feasibility design work which is ongoing and expected to complete in late 2015/early 2016.

Should you wish to submit a new request for any information which H&F holds in relation to this, then please contact the H&F In Touch team using the contact details provided above.

Please be aware that the FOIA only covers information held by H&F and in some instances where H&F holds the requested information it may be exempt from disclosure. Therefore should you decide to submit a new RFI for any of the information referred to above, if it is received prior to completion of the feasibility design work and publication of the Cabinet paper H&F’s response may be that some or all of the requested information is not held by H&F or some or all of the requested information is exempt from disclosure under FOIA, for example if the requested information were intended for future publication.

### **Internal review outcome**

Our investigation into your request for internal review concludes that your complaint is not upheld as H&F’s RFI response provided the information that is held by H&F which was requested in your RFI.

If you feel dissatisfied with the handling of your request for an internal review under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO), Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF  
Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely,

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