

RE Highways Network Management, Colindale Offices, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW 21 January 2021 Our ref: 6884020

Thank you for your request received on 18 December 2020, for the following information:

At the start of the ill conceived and executed changes to the A1000 the traffic islands in the middle of the road adjacent to East Finchley were increased in size. Now they have been reduced back to their initial size. On the basis that construction is not something that is provided on a free of charge basis I can only assume that even more of our hard earned taxpayer money has been wasted. Below is a list of issues. I want an answer to each one. I will not accept a catch all summary, nor will I accept any nonsense such as no responses to individuals. I pay corporation tax, income tax and council tax so am one of the contributors to your incomes. As you can tell I am far from happy with what you have done and am not alone. I repeat my demand for a call or emergency meeting to halt this ever increasing litany of chaos, waste and destruction that you are causing.

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- 1. Costs under the freedom of information act I want to see the costs expended thus far on the A1000 phase 1 project and in particular the works to the aforementioned islands adjacent to East Finchley station.
- 3. Removal of parking spaces under the freedom of information act I want to know the historic revenue for every parking bay that you have removed on the A1000 phase 1.
- 7. Loss of the high street have you heard of Arcadia, Debenhams etc ???? the high street is under massive pressure due to Covid 19. How does removal of parking spaces and therefore customer access to the high street help?? Under the freedom of information act I want to see the current business rates paid by every business premises that has now had the parking in front of their locations removed.

## Response

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Funding of £314,800 was awarded through TfL / DfT funding to enable the scheme to be developed and constructed. We are awaiting final construction costs from the contractor.

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With regard to individual parking bays, Pay by Phone revenue is available at a 'location level' (the 4-8 digit code) not at a bay level. Payment can also be made by pay & display in some locations – these machines are often shared between multiple locations. Lastly payment can be made by pre-purchasing vouchers, these cannot be tracked. Therefore, it will not be possible to provide information requested at individual bay level.

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Business rate rateable value information is available for all businesses by address/postcode on the London Borough of Barnet website: <a href="https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/2rp1v/business-rates-register">https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/2rp1v/business-rates-register</a>

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