

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Decision notice

Date: 7 October 2024

Public Authority: The Dunraven School Local Governing Board

Address: 94/98 Leigham Court Road
Streatham
London
SW16 2QB

Request:

The complainant requested the following information from the Dunraven School Local Governing Board on 25 February 2024:

QUESTION 1) Lambeth Council Consultation - Streatham Wells Low Traffic Neighbourhood.

Please provide details of consultation/s or communication/s (if any) with Lambeth Council, prior to the council's implementation of the Streatham Wells Low Traffic Neighbourhood (henceforth SW LTN) on 23rd Oct 2023. ie: regarding the SW LTN itself, not "School Streets". That is - any formal approach by the council regarding the LTN, and any issues, concerns, requests raised by the school in response.

QUESTION 2) Staff concerns/communication re the impact of the SW LTN

Please provide details of occurrences (if any) reported by staff members, teachers, tutors or the senior leadership team - which considered the SW LTN a contributory factor to *higher-than-normal* lateness for a student, or students. If easier, please provide a summary of your findings and confirm the number of such occurrences since 23rd Oct 2023 to date. ie: within a 4 month period.

QUESTION 3) Parental concerns/communication re the impact of the SW LTN

Please provide details of communication/s (if any) with parents ie: to or from parents, relating to the impact of the SW LTN Eg: How often have staff members heard from parents that the LTN is impacting their child's journey to/from school, their wellbeing, their studies etc. Please provide a

summary and confirm the number of occurrences of this type of communication with parents (including telephone conversations).

QUESTION 4) School response to impact of the SW LTN

Have there been any staff meetings where the topic of lateness, or other issues related to the SW LTN have been discussed, if so please summarise the issues arising and the concerns raised. Has there been any decision to refer to an increase in lateness, or the impact of the SW LTN, in documents sent home to parents, newsletters etc. Has there been any expressed commitment to parents to address the matter, communicate with Lambeth Council etc. Please summarise.

QUESTION 5) Lambeth Council's response to the impact of the SW LTN.

Please provide details of consultation or communications with Lambeth Council (if any) *subsequent* to the council's implementation of the SW LTN. ie since 23rd Oct 2023, in response to the SW LTN's impact on students' journeys. Has there been any offer or arrangement by Lambeth Council to attend the school, meet with staff or parents, communicate with parents directly (online or by letter), or provide support in any way to the school. Please summarise if this has happened, or, if this is planned.

QUESTION 6) Air Quality in the vicinity of the school

Lambeth Council outline in their Air Quality Annual Status Report that Streatham is the site of the two highest NO₂ readings in the borough. At present the "Airly" AQ monitors located near schools in Streatham frequently show readings that are described by them as "polluted and havi(ing) a negative impact on your health". Eg: Dunraven School on 24.2.24 showed a reading of 75ugm³ (297% of World Health Organisation daily NO₂ guideline of 25ugm³). Fenstanton Primary on 24.2.24 a reading of 78ugm³ (309%). St Andrews Catholic Primary School on 24.2.24. a reading of 80ugm³ (317%).

The mechanism of an LTN is a redirection of traffic away from selected roads and onto "boundary" roads (in the case of SW LTN - Streatham High Rd, Leigham Court Road and Streatham Common North) and surrounding roads.

Does the senior leadership team consider that the introduction of the SW LTN on 23rd Oct 2023, has impacted the AQ in your school? - and if so is that positively or negatively? Have you had any communication with Lambeth Council in relation to AQ since the LTN or prior, and is there any specific AQ monitoring happening in your school, or planned to be. Please summarise.

QUESTION 7) Impact the SW LTN on staff attendance and punctuality. Please provide details of the impact (if any) of the SW LTN upon staff attendance and punctuality, since 23rd Oct 2023.

Commissioner's Decision:

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

Steps:

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

Right of Appeal:

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)
GRC & GRP Tribunals,
PO Box 9300,
LEICESTER,
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963

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Website: www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

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