

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

JUBILEE SQUARE PROPOSALS

INFORMATION REQUEST

Please provide the following information:

Traffic on the ring road.

How many vehicles travel alongside the park?

ANSWER

AM and PM St Nicholas Circle Network drawings attached. Drawing 2496 A and 2496 B

Traffic Light Vehicle Useage.

How many vehicles travel through the traffic lights in each lane at the intersection of route east past Holiday Inn (going to town and the ring road) and route south from Highcross Street (going to Southgates or west)?

AM and PM St Nicholas Circle Network drawings attached. Drawing 2496 A and 2496 B

Traffic light timing configuration.

What is the existing traffic light timing configuration at the above junction?

This technical information is available (hard copy only), however this is chargeable and costs £150 + Vat to supply as detailed in the council's publication scheme. This is detailed on the Council's website.

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/transport-traffic/fees-and-charges-2012-2013/>

Noise.

Please provide noise contour maps for the land to be made into the Square.

For the noise contours of Jubilee Square, have been taken from the Noise Maps on DEFRA's Noise Mapping site.

<http://services.defra.gov.uk/wps/portal/noise>

'The noise maps have been made using computer modelling techniques, based on information such as traffic flow data, road/rail type, and vehicle type data. No actual noise measurements have been made in the production of these strategic maps... The noise maps have been produced for use at a strategic level and give an acceptable level of accuracy for these purposes.

They will not however necessarily properly represent the situation at a local level'.

The noise levels of e.g. roads in an area can be checked if you have the post code of the road you want the noise contours for. Lden are average daytime / evening levels (0700-23.00) and Lnight are average night time levels (2300 – 0700).

Postcodes for Careys Close (LE1 5NS) and for St Nicholas Place (LE1 4LD) have been used.

See noise level document attached, which has been extracted from the above website.

Traffic accessing the Rooftop car park.

How many vehicles will drive across the plaza to the rooftop car park?

The roof top car park is privately owned. There are 720 spaces available. We cannot project the number of movements along this route for car park access. Car park access will also be available via a new left turn from Vaughan Way into Highcross Street. There will be no left turn into High Street from Vaughan Way. This will reduce the number of vehicles using this route as an access to the roof top car park.

Vehicle speed.

What is the average speed of the above vehicles?

We do not monitor speed of vehicles on this route therefore the Council does not hold this information. This part of this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

Private hire cars.

How many vehicles are operating from the Private Hire Car Company premises on St Nicholas Place? (How many Vehicles / drivers hold Licenses registered there?)

This particular operators is licensed to have 21+ vehicles. As of today's date, they are operating 32 vehicles/31 drivers.

Infringements.

How many infringements of the existing Road Traffic Regulation "No Waiting" orders are there by PHC drivers annually in this area, High Street and Highcross Street?

We do not log the commercial use of a vehicle when issuing tickets, the details logged only show vehicle registration numbers and details of the contravention. Therefore this part of this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

Reopening Applegate.

How many vehicles will use this?

What size and weight of vehicles will these be?

Vehicles using Applegate will be restricted to those vehicles which are exiting Guildhall Hall. As Guildhall Lane is pedestrianized this will be limited to service traffic. Details of exact numbers, sizes and weights are unknown. The design of the junction with Guildhall Lane allows the necessary area for a large articulated vehicle to turn left. Drawing attached for information.

Drawing 2496 C

Limited access will be allowed to City Block and the blue badge parking from Peacock Lane, which means a small section of Applegate will allow two way traffic.

Access to Radio Leicester.

How many vehicles will need to get to the Studios and how often and at what times of day?

It is understood that Radio Leicester has parking for two vehicles. We are required to provide unrestricted access. We do not have any information about how these spaces are used. Therefore this part of this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

Access to high street via raised bollards.

How many vehicles do this?

The total number of passes issued for access to the city centre pedestrian preference zone is 175. The pass allows access via a number of entry points depending on the drivers destination, therefore we are unable to state how many of the 175 access via High Street.

Amenity seating.

High Street. Licensed premises will be required to vacate their Licensed street amenity areas and plans also require the demolition of trees just planted in High Street from Loseby Lane to Highcross Street and from Highcross Street to the ring road as part of the 19 million resurfacing.

There are no plans to remove trees in High Street from Loseby Lane to Highcross Street as part of this scheme. Trees will be removed along the edge of St Nicholas Place, adjoining High Street. The seating area, within the raised planted area in front of Bar Sandwich will be removed. However the scheme will look to make provision for a new external seating area.

How many demolished trees?

21 trees will be removed from St Nicholas Place. Replacement trees are included in the new scheme

9 trees will be removed from Applegate. Trees will be replaced in the new scheme.

How many reduction in seat numbers?

There are no figures available for the reduction in seat numbers. Therefore this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

Pedestrian flows

Pedestrian flow information in all directions at these places:

High Street / Highcross Street;

Guildhall Lane / Applegate;

High Street / ring road (St Nicholas Place); near Jewry Wall, outside St Nicholas Church; Applegate / Peacock Lane; Southgates approach, nearby Castle Street / St Nicholas Place, nearby Careys Close. ('between "Victoria Court" and "Cityblock"', roughly in a straight line).

Cycle flows

Locations generally as above for pedestrians.

[Document '2496 pedestrian and cycle flow information' attached providing available pedestrian and cycle flow information.](#)

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