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Dear XXXXXXXXXXXX,

## **Freedom of Information Response to request F0008306**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011. I am pleased to set out below the Department for Transport's answers to your queries.

In order to provide the information as clearly and concisely as possible, I have grouped your questions into subject headings. I trust that the approach I have taken is acceptable.

### **1. Provision and Disposal of BMW Supplied Vehicles**

On your questions regarding the provision and disposal of vehicles provided by BMW for use by athletes, officials and other members of the Games Family during the Olympics. The vehicles supplied would be part of the sponsorship contract signed with LOGOG. The Department for Transport does not hold any relevant information on this.

### **2. Costs Associated with Games Vehicles**

On your questions regarding costs associated with the Games vehicles, e.g. road tax, and insurance. Like all vehicles used on roads in the United Kingdom, the vehicles used by the Games Family will have to be taxed, insured and have the relevant fees (for example the congestion charge) paid. Ensuring these costs are paid is the responsibility of LOCOG.

### **3. Accessibility**

In terms of the accessibility of vehicles for athletes and other members of Games Family, there is to be a conversion of the buses used to transport the athletes between the close of the Olympics, and the start of the Paralympic Games, this is being overseen by VOSA in their capacity of ensuring that vehicles comply with all the legal standards and regulations.

On the question about the total number of BMW supplied vehicles that will be accessible, this is a matter for the contract between LOCOG and BMW, however I can tell you that 50 adapted vehicles are to be provided by BMW so disabled people can volunteer as drivers.. We do not hold any further information on this subject.

[http://www.cslondon.org/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2010/06/CSL\\_Transport\\_Review.pdf](http://www.cslondon.org/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2010/06/CSL_Transport_Review.pdf) - this document provides further information on transport sustainability and accessibility of vehicles.

<http://www.london2012.com/documents/oda-transport/accessible-transport-strategy-accessible-pdf.pdf> - link to the accessible transport strategy for the London 2012 Games

#### **4. Questions on BP provision of Fuel**

On your questions about the provision of fuel by BP as the Official Oil and Gas Partner for London 2012, these form part of the sponsorship contract with LOCOG. The Department for Transport is not party to these contracts, and therefore we hold no information on this subject.

#### **5. BP Carbon Offsetting Scheme**

The offsetting scheme that BP is offering is a service offered by BP as a private company. BP state on the scheme website that the scheme is not for profit

*"BP Target Neutral is not for profit, so when you pay to offset your transport emissions, apart from the card payment fee, every penny you invest in carbon offsetting goes directly to projects that prevent or remove CO2 emissions".*

<https://spectatortargetneutral.bp.com/signup/name>

The Department for Transport does not hold any further information on this scheme

#### **6. Sustainability**

To respond to your questions on sustainability, there is already extensive information in the public domain which can be accessed from the London2012, and the commission for a sustainable London 2012 websites. To assist you in finding the information you seek, please find a selection of links to various items below.

<http://www.cslondon.org/> this is the home page for the commission for a sustainable London 2012.

*London 2012 Home Page for Sustainability and the Olympics*

<http://www.london2012.com/sustainability>

*London 2012 Summary and Full versions of the Sustainability Plan*

<http://www.london2012.com/publications/london-2012-sustainability-plan-summary.php>

<http://www.london2012.com/documents/locog-publications/london-2012-sustainability-plan.pdf>

*London 2012 Recent press release*

<http://www.london2012.com/news/2011/11/london-2012-sets-the-standard-for-sustainability.php>

*London 2012 Sustainability report*

<http://www.london2012.com/publications/london-2012-sustainability-report-a-blueprint-for-change.php>

<http://www.london2012.com/press/media-releases/2009/11/london-2012-plans-move-up-a-gear-with-bmw-announced-as-the-latest-sponsor.php> This is a link to a press release issued on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009 giving details of the sustainability requirements for the vehicles supplied by BMW.

## **7. Design & Build Methods used in the Olympic Park**

With regard to your questions on the design and build methods used in the construction of the park and the village, these are not transport issues, and therefore they are outside the scope of the documentation we hold. However there is information on this contained within the sustainability information linked to above.

### **End of response.**

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. The Department will, therefore be simultaneously releasing to the public the information you requested, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

If you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to the Department's Information Rights Unit at:

Zone D/04,  
Ashdown House,  
Sedlescombe Road North,  
Hastings,  
East Sussex  
TN37 7GA,  
e-mail: FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk.

Please see attached at Annex A, details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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## **Your right to complain to the Information Commissioner**

You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner that DfT has failed to properly respond to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) or the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) or that DfT is not complying with its Freedom of Information publication scheme.

You can do so by writing to the Information Commissioner addressing your letter:

Section 50 Complaint under FOI/EIR  
Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

The Information Commissioner has discretion whether or not to determine your complaint. He may choose not to do so in the following circumstances:

- where you have failed to use an internal complaints procedure which complies with the FOI/EIR Code of Practice provisions on complaints procedures
- where there has been undue delay in making the complaint
- where the complaint is frivolous or vexatious
- where the complaint has been withdrawn or abandoned

The Information Commissioner will notify you of the outcome of your complaint, including any refusal to consider your complaint and the reasons why. Where the Information Commissioner decides that there has been a failure to:

- make FOIA or EIR information available
- provide confirmation or denial that information exists under FOIA
- comply with section 11 of FOIA or regulation 6 EIR (means by which communication to be made)
- comply with section 17 of the FOIA or regulation 14 EIR (conditions in relation to refusals of requests for information)
- failed to comply with regulation 11 EIR (failure to comply with a requirements of EIR)

The Commissioner will give notice setting out the steps, which must be taken by DfT to rectify the failure and the period within which those steps must be taken. The notice will also contain information about the right of appeal against the decision taken.