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**CASE REFERENCE NUMBER: E0008285**

Dear XXXXXX

Thank you for your information request of 3 November 2011. You requested the following information:

**Are there active in the territory any Low Emission Zone, in cities or regions of the state? If not, are they planned for the future?**

Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information.

London is the only UK city we are aware of to have introduced a Low Emission Zone targeted at all heavy duty vehicles. From January 2012 this scheme will also introduce emissions standards for some light duty vehicles. More information on the London Low Emission Zone can be found on the TfL website: [www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/lez](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/lez)

A more limited Low Emission Zone has been introduced in Norwich targeted only at buses. More information can be found here:  
[http://laqm.defra.gov.uk/documents/Norwich\\_lez.pdf](http://laqm.defra.gov.uk/documents/Norwich_lez.pdf)

We are also aware that Oxford is considering introducing a Low Emission Zone similar to the scheme in Norwich, targeted only at buses.

Some other UK cities have explored introducing Low Emission Zones, but we are not aware of any that has decided to implement one. A report commissioned by the UK Department for Transport looking at Low Emission Zones in Europe can be found here:  
<http://www2.dft.gov.uk/pgr/scienceresearch/orresearch/lez/pdf/lowemissionzones.pdf>

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. The Department may, 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 40 working days 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](mailto:FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk)

Please see attached 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,

**XXXXX**

**Department for Transport**

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

You have the right to complain within 40 working days of the date of this letter about the way in which your request for information was handled and/or about the decision not to disclose all or part of the information requested. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its publication scheme.

Your complaint will be acknowledged and you will be advised of a target date by which to expect a response. Initially your complaint will be re-considered by the official who dealt with your request for information. If, after careful consideration, that official decides that his/her decision was correct, your complaint will automatically be referred to a senior independent official who will conduct a further review. You will be advised of the outcome of your complaint and if a decision is taken to disclose information originally withheld this will be done as soon as possible.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF