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Request

I would like to request some information regarding the bus hub at Old Haymarket please.
I would like a breakdown of the bus routes that have been using the facility per hour since it was fully opened in 2020. This should include bus routes that use the street as a cut-through without stopping. Any planned changes to routes using the facility should be detailed in the response.

I would also like to know the procedure for Merseytravel allowing bus companies to park on the yellow lines and loading bay on the street. LCC have said this should not be happening but Merseytravel have allowed it, so who gave permission for this and what authority do they have to go against LCC's TROs and the Highway Code? The response should include any email chains/meeting minutes that discussed this matter.

Response

Thank you for your recent request to Merseytravel made under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please find attached a bundle containing the bus routes that have been authorised to use the Old Haymarket Bus Hub (please note that this is allocated by service rather than by hour), along with correspondence and meeting minutes in relation to its operation.

The only occasion that services have been instructed to use Old Haymarket as a cut through was during the planned closure of Crosshall Street on 19th & 20th December 2020. Services were diverted along Old Haymarket for the duration of this closure. No services are instructed to use the hub as a cut through during regular operation.

There is no procedure for Merseytravel to allow bus companies to park on yellow lines or loading bay. We have no powers to allow this and responsibility for enforcing any infringements remains with Liverpool City Council as the relevant highway authority.

Please note that personal information of junior officers is exempt under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as disclosure would allow the possibility of the identification of a living individual(s), thereby breaching the General Data Protection Regulation and/or the Data Protection Act 2018.

I believe that there would be no expectation that their information would be disclosed to a third party, and therefore I do not regard disclosure as constituting the ‘fair and lawful’ processing of personal data. As a result, disclosure would breach the First Principle of the General Data Protection Regulation (Article 5(1)(a)).

I am also of the opinion that the information would not provide any greater understanding of the subject matter, and there is therefore no overriding legitimate interest in its disclosure. The personal information is question has therefore been

redacted in accordance with Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and replaced with their job title so context is clear.

I trust that this information is of interest to you.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, which should be addressed to:

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