

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would like to know whether the council has changed the names of any roads in the area between 1 May 2020 and 6 October 2023. If so, I would like to know:

- 1) The former name of the road, and what it was changed to
 - 2) The date the change took place
 - 3) Which stakeholders were consulted regarding the change
 - 4) How many road names have been changed in total
- The council has not changed the names of any roads in the area (Borough) between 1 May 2020 and 6 October 2023.

I would also like to know whether the council has removed or relocated any monuments, statues or plaques in the area between 1 May 2020 and 6 October 2023. If so, I would like to know:

- 5) What the monument/statue represents (e.g. who is it a statue of?) or what is written on the plaque
- The Council has removed the following plaques between 1 May 2020 and 6 October 2023.

A plaque commemorating the opening of The Galleries Shopping Centre by Diana, Princess of Wales.

A plaque commemorating the opening of the JJB Store by Wigan Warriors coach John Monie.

- 6) Where it has been moved and where it was previously installed
- Both plaques were located within The Galleries shopping centre which is in the process of being demolished. They are now with Wigan Council's museum services heritage object store.

- 7) Which stakeholders were consulted regarding the change
- Their removal was part of a planning permission application which was subject to statutory public consultation.

The plaques were identified by various groups and individuals including the Wigan Heritage and Local History Society.

- 8) How many monuments, statues or plaques have been relocated or removed in total
- The number of plaques removed between 1 May 2020 and 6 October 2023 is two.

The Council has not removed any other monuments or statues between 1 May 2020 and 6 October 2023.