

London Borough of Barnet  
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Colindale,  
London, NW9 4EW  
30 January 2026  
Our ref: 16316492

Thank you for your request received on 5 January 2026, for the following information:

**RSE039 - Gallants Farm Road**

**Please can you confirm when the meeting was with the councillors where it was presented and discussed and if there are minutes of the meeting that can be shared publicly.**

**Impact on Parking due to planned yellow lines (not speed cushions)**

**What studies have been completed on this?**

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

**Response**

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested. However, we believe that the exceptions detailed below apply to some of this information and this is withheld. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

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A meeting with ward members occurred in August 2025, in where all measures were presented and the endorsement was received to present the information to the community.

Please find attached documents with redacted personal information exempt under the Data Protection Act. Please see refusal notice below

### ***Impact on Parking due to planned yellow lines (not speed cushions)***

The introduction of double yellow lines at junctions is intended to provide junction protection and improve intervisibility for all road users, in line with national guidance and local road safety policy. Parking at or close to junctions is already discouraged and, in many cases, prohibited due to the safety risks it presents. As such, the proposals do not remove any designated or formally permitted parking provision, but instead reinforce appropriate junction clearance to improve safety.

While vehicles may have previously parked informally close to the junction, this was not considered appropriate or safe parking. The proposed double yellow lines formalise junction protection in accordance with national guidance and local strategy, and therefore do not result in a loss of compliant parking provision.

National guidance and local strategies discourage parking at junctions due to its impact on visibility and safety. The proposed measures align with this guidance and are intended to improve safety rather than remove legitimate parking.

### ***What studies have been completed on this?***

Several studies has been requested as part of the feasibility study that drafted the RSE039 proposal: Visual site inspection, traffic data, speed data, Manual Counts, Collision history, etc

### **R13 - Personal data**

We have also redacted the names of individuals by virtue of Regulation 13 of the Environmental Information regulations 2004, as disclosure of this information to the public generally, in the Council's view, would not be consistent with the data protection principle found in Article 5.1(a) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) lawfully, transparently and fairly. We have considered whether disclosure is lawful and fair and whilst it may be lawful under Article 6.1(f) GDPR (legitimate interests) it would not be fair to the individuals concerned who would not expect the names of junior employees to be disclosed as part of such a request.

We consider that regulation 13 (Personal information) applies to the information requested.

Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information.

### **R12(5)(e) Confidential commercial information**

We are withholding the commercial information under the exception in regulation 12(5)(e) as this is commercially sensitive and not within the public domain. The potential for economic harm to the contractor and risk of related legal action against the Council outweighs the public interest in release of this information.

Accordingly the information requested falls within Regulation 12(5)(e) as it is commercial information. The question arises as to whether in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

I have considered whether the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. There are a number of public interest arguments that weigh in favour of disclosing the information you have sought:

- The general proposition of maximising openness that the EIR and the Council aspire to;
- The benefits of ensuring transparent and accountable government by disclosing how the Council receives and spends public money;

However, there are also public interest arguments against disclosure:

- Releasing the contractor costs could prejudice the Council's future negotiation capabilities and reduce the confidence third parties have with the Council in order to facilitate the decision making process. Both the Council and any third party contractor would be reluctant to have free and frank discussions if all that is discussed is subject to scrutiny with no safe space for 'confidential communications', the requested information may prejudice pending or future decisions which would be detrimental to the Council and or third parties.

The public interest in withholding the requested information outweighs the public interest in disclosure of the requested information.

Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information.

### **Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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