

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
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Our ref: 16257228

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

Any local authority intervention of this scale should of course be backed up by appropriate data. As a resident of one of the affected streets, I require access to this data in order to form a balanced opinion on whether the scheme is an appropriate proposal for our community. I therefore request, under the freedom of information act, records pertaining to the following in respect of the school street scheme in question).

Minutes of any meetings held with representatives of St Mary's CofE school relating to this proposal. To include;

Evidence pertaining to current strategies implemented by the school to improve road safety for their children

Evidence of strategies implemented by the council to improve road safety awareness by parents and children of the school.

Evidence of any specific highlighted dangers regarding current road layouts - Specifically a record of any near-misses, incidents or accidents related to traffic management around the school.

Evidence of parental views regarding the implementation of the scheme in this area

Air quality data pertaining to the safer schools scheme in this area. To include:

Results of air quality monitoring surveys undertaken in the vicinity

Minutes of council meetings with air quality or environmental experts pertaining to the implementation of this scheme.

Data pertaining to the safety of the roads for the proposed scheme, to include;

Evidence pertaining to any known existing traffic safety issues, serious incidents or reported near-misses.

Evidence pertaining to any known existing cycling safety issues, serious incidents or reported near misses.

Comprehensive risk assessments conducted for the anticipated changes in traffic flow for the implementation of this scheme - Specifically at the edges of the restricted roads (corner of Claremont park/Lyndhurst gardens and corner of Dollis avenue/dollis park).

Comprehensive risk/impact assessments conducted for the effect of the scheme on existing residents

Comprehensive risk/impact assessments conducted for the effect of the scheme on existing local businesses.

Minutes of any meetings in which items a-d above were discussed.

Data pertaining to privacy risk/impact assessments from the addition of ANPR traffic cameras to a residential area. To include Data governance/GDPR risk assessments or relevant standard operating procedures for the handling of numberplate data obtained through the proposed school streets scheme.

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

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Evidence pertaining to current strategies implemented by the school to improve road safety for their children

- The area is under intense scrutiny due to congestion, poor driver behaviour, and abuse directed at staff by parents.
- The school attempted to implement a one-way system at the bottom of Dollis Park; however, this has not deterred parents from entering the cul-de-sac and parking on double yellow lines. The headteacher reported that a couple of pupils have been knocked down, along with several near misses.
- Existing signage has failed to prevent parents from entering the cul-de-sac, parking outside residents' driveways, and performing dangerous manoeuvres. This includes parking on yellow lines and executing three-point turns, which obstruct visibility and have resulted in one child being struck.

Evidence of strategies implemented by the council to improve road safety awareness by parents and children of the school.

Alternative access routes and limited-stay parking within the existing CPZ were considered during the feasibility stage; however, both options were declined.

Alternative access arrangements for the school were also explored, but these were rejected.

3 informal consultations were carried out in the area to present the proposed School Streets measures (July 2022, February 2024 and December 2025). Discussions were also held with the DfT to confirm possible sign approvals; however, this request was rejected.

Evidence of any specific highlighted dangers regarding current road layouts - Specifically a record of any near-misses, incidents or accidents related to traffic management around the school.

Near misses raised by Member and school.

Evidence of parental views regarding the implementation of the scheme in this area

Data from the latest engagement is currently in the analysis stage, and we will be able to confirm any participation from parents once this is completed.

Air quality data pertaining to the safer schools scheme in this area. To include:

Results of air quality monitoring surveys undertaken in the vicinity

This information is not held.

Minutes of council meetings with air quality or environmental experts pertaining to the implementation of this scheme.

This information is not held.

Data pertaining to the safety of the roads for the proposed scheme, to include:

Evidence pertaining to any known existing traffic safety issues, serious incidents or reported near-misses.

Near misses have been raised by the Member and the school; however, recent collision reports confirm that no accidents have been recorded. Therefore, measures will not be implemented if the overall response from the latest engagement is negative.

Evidence pertaining to any known existing cycling safety issues, serious incidents or reported near misses.

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the restricted roads (corner of Claremont park/Lyndhurst gardens and corner of Dollis avenue/dollis park).

The risk assessment is part of our design process, and details of previous engagements were sent out to the public.

Comprehensive risk/impact assessments conducted for the effect of the scheme on existing residents

The risk assessment is part of our design process, and details of previous engagements were sent out to the public.

Comprehensive risk/impact assessments conducted for the effect of the scheme on existing local businesses.

The risk assessment is part of our design process, and details of previous engagements were sent out to the public.

Minutes of any meetings in which items a-d above were discussed.

Information is not held, but meetings have been held with members to inform them of the measures and any inconvenience caused in the area.

Data pertaining to privacy risk/impact assessments from the addition of ANPR traffic cameras to a residential area. To include Data governance/GDPR risk assessments or relevant standard operating procedures for the handling of numberplate data obtained through the proposed school streets scheme.

Data will only be used to enforce the restriction on site if the scheme is approved.

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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