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Our ref: 16648432

Thank you for your request received on 16 February 2026, for the following information:

**The Barnet Council officer decision of 24 October 2025 regarding the Underhill South Experimental Controlled Parking Zone makes mention of the outcome of the informal parking engagement, the results of parking stress surveys, the multi-criteria analysis undertaken, the assumed benefits of a controlled parking zone, the assumed opportunity to co-design in the live environment and what the Council says is its commitment to influence a shift towards less polluting modes of transport in Barnet with the wider objective of improving air quality.**

**What is missing is any kind of objective analysis of the quality of transport links compared to other areas. This can be measured, for example, by Public Transport Levels (PTALs) or Access to Opportunities and Services (ATOS).**

**In its literature, Transport for London present three main types of connectivity assessment. These are:**

- \* The PTAL measure (Public Transport Access Level), which rates a selected place based on how close it is to public transport and how frequent services are in the area**
- \* Travel time mapping, presenting graphically how long it takes to travel from a selected place to other places, or how far you can travel in a given amount of time**
- \* Catchment analysis, describing how many workplaces, or different types of services, exist within a certain travel time from a selected place**

**Stanhope Road in the new Underhill South controlled parking zone has a PTAL 2023 score of 1b, a low score which suggests that the place is not well connected to public transport services and that some combination of long walking distance, longer waiting times and less services than in other areas exists.**

**What specific analysis has the Council undertaken or used to assess the quality of transport links in the Underhill South area?**

**What evidence can the Council turn to about the quality of public transport links in this area?**

**How will the wider objective of improving air quality be measured?**

**What steps have been taken to measure air quality in Underhill South specifically?**

**What steps have been taken in advance of the implementation of the Underhill South CPZ to improve transport links in the area?**

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.

***What specific analysis has the Council undertaken or used to assess the quality of transport links in the Underhill South area?***

Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) are primarily a demand-management tool focused on kerbside regulation, traffic flow, and safety rather than public transport. The Council has therefore not undertaken any specific analysis of the quality of transport links in the Underhill South area.

***What evidence can the Council turn to about the quality of public transport links in this area?***

Before implementing a CPZ councils, such as Barnet often assess the road capacity, and the impact of traffic on local roads by undertaking parking stress surveys and reviewing multi-criteria analysis (MCA) data.

The MCA data included information about vehicle ownership, on-street parking demand, capacity and occupancy as well as accident data and a review of trip attractors such as train stations and shops.

The results of the MCA reveal the US informal parking engagement area as being a relatively high priority location (at > 2.974 - 3.075, with 4 being the highest) for consideration of potential need for the introduction of a CPZ.

***How will the wider objective of improving air quality be measured?***

***R6(1)(b) - Material already published***

Under Regulation 6(1)(b) of EIR, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you by other means. If

you do not have access to the internet at home, you may be able to use facilities at your local library.

To explore information about the current and historic air pollution levels please visit [London Borough of Barnet - Air Quality monitoring service](#)

The [Greater London Authority \(GLA\)](#) and Transport for London (TfL) update this database every three years to estimate emissions across London, tracking progress toward 2025 and 2030 targets.

***What steps have been taken to measure air quality in Underhill South specifically?***

The Council has taken no specific action to measure air quality in the Underhill South CPZ trial area. Its approach to monitoring air quality is set out in the Air Quality Action Plan as detailed in our response to item 3 above.

***What steps have been taken in advance of the implementation of the Underhill South CPZ to improve transport links in the area?***

The Council is not aware of any steps taken to improve transport links in the area. Transport for London (TfL) is the integrated transport authority responsible for planning, delivery, operating, and maintaining the majority of public transport links and key road networks within Greater London, including those in the Underhill South trial CPZ area.

**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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