

18 June 2019
Our ref: 5332529

Thank you for your request received on 20 May 2019, for the following information:

I should like to request under the Freedom of information Act 2005 to know when the box junction located at Finchley Road junction with Golders Green Bus Station entrance (NW11) was first marked out on the road just before the traffic lights. Also, has this box junction been changed in size or position since first being marked out? If so, when was it changed?

I should also like to know how many Penalty Charge Notices were issued to HGV1s for encroaching on this box junction since it was first marked out.

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

Response

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We do not have a record of when the box junction marking on Finchley Road, at the junction with the entrance to the buses only road (just north of the traffic signals at the Golders Green gyratory) was first introduced, or whether it has changed since it was originally introduced. We have been able to establish the following information that might assist.

A record of a committee decision from 1989 refers to a proposal for a box junction at Finchley Road/Golders Green Road/North End Road, although we do not know if it included the particular location and if, when or in what form it was introduced. However our traffic order index does not refer to a traffic management order for this box junction, so it is likely to have been after 1994, when the requirements for use of the marking changed.

We have access to two separate traffic signals layout drawings from 2000. The earlier of the two does not show a box junction, although it is not clear whether this is because it was not present at that time, or because it was not relevant for the purpose of the drawing. The later drawing does show a box junction at this position although the layout shown may only be indicative and not represent the actual arrangement at that time.

A survey drawing from May 2006 shows the box junction marking in its current location and arrangement.

A review of the markings was undertaken in 2016, but no changes made as a result.

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We are refusing your request under section 12 because we estimate that compliance with your request will exceed the "appropriate limit" under section 12. The appropriate limit is £450 which is equivalent to 18 hours at £25 per hour. The per hour figure is set by Regulations rather than actual salary paid to any officers handling requests. The appropriate limit includes the time it will take the council to discover if it holds the information requested, to locate it, extract it and collate it as well as putting it into any particular format requested by the requester.

We have calculated that it will take approx 1250 hours to comply with your request. Our calculation is as follows:

S12 exemption for 148,141 PCNS issued in 2017/18 so to check each one would take 5 minutes = an estimated 1250 hours

Advice and Assistance

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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/>

Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

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

For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: foi@barnet.gov.uk. Or by post to Information Management Team (FOI) The London Borough of Barnet, North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, London, N11 1NP

If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.