

31 July 2019
Our ref: 5430828

Thank you for your request received on 2 July 2019, for the following information:

There is a 20mph zone on Mays Lane in Barnet. This has been in place since I moved into a property on Mays Lane in 2007. The property itself is outside of the 20mph zone, however, I use the 20mph section of Mays Lane regularly.

This 20mph zone has been in place between the junctions with Chesterfield Road and Vale Drive (approximately).

Over the past few weeks there have been roadworks to widen some parts of Mays Lane within this 20mph zone.

To mark the eastern end of the 20mph zone, there are signs near Vale Drive. Heading west, a sign indicates the beginning of the 20mph zone. Heading east, there is a sign indicating the end of the 20mph zone.

Sometime in June 2019, I have seen new signs near Milton Avenue. Heading west, a sign indicates the beginning of the 20mph zone. Heading east, there is a sign indicating the end of the 20mph zone. It seems that the 20mph zone is being shortened following the widening of Mays Lane near these junctions.

However, the signs near Vale Drive are also still present. This makes it ambiguous as to where the eastern end of the 20mph zone boundary is and could be confusing for road users.

Please send me details of the dates on which the 20mph zone on Mays Lane between Chesterfield Road and Vale Drive is operational and also the dates on which the new 20mph zone on Mays Lane takes effect.

I am requesting this information in the interests of road safety. I would also request that the road signs marking the boundaries of the 20mph zone are placed such that there is no ambiguity about where the 20mph zone boundaries begin and end.

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

Response

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

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The 20mph speed limit on Mays Lane was introduced by The Barnet (20mph Speed Limit) (No. 3) Traffic Order 2002 that became operational on 18/02/2002.

There have been no recent changes to this, and we think the signs you have seen in June 2019 near Milton Avenue are probably existing signs that have been turned on their post (e.g. signs that should show traffic entering Mays Lane from Milton Avenue that they are entering a 20mph limit).

We understand that the orientation of these signs should be corrected shortly, if this has not already happened. However if you notice any signs that still appear to be wrong, please let us know at highwayscorrespondence@barnet.gov.uk

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

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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

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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.