

21 November 2019

Our ref: 5749972

Thank you for your request received on 25 October 2019, for the following information:

This request is made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and is submitted on behalf of Friern Barnet & Whetstone Residents' Association. The term 'documents' used below includes documents whether in written or in electronic formats and includes reports, papers, notes, emails, letters and memoranda.

The request relates to the consultation 'Barnet Cycleway: consultation on a new walking and cycling route' of June/July 2019.

1. Please provide copies of any documents held containing any consideration or analysis of, report on, notes of or comments or discussion concerning

A. whether the implementation of the proposals to which the consultation relates would result in increased traffic congestion in Friern Barnet Lane, Woodhouse Road and Friern Barnet Road and a consequent increase in local pollution;

B. whether the implementation of the proposals, resulting in increased traffic congestion in Friern Barnet Lane, Woodhouse Road and Friern Barnet Road and a consequent increase in local pollution, would be consistent with the statutory duties of the Council, including under The Traffic Management Act 2004, which places obligations on authorities to ensure the expeditious movement of traffic on their own and other authorities' road networks and a duty to make arrangements as they consider appropriate for planning and carrying out the duty. Action which the authority may take in performing that duty includes action to avoid, eliminate or reduce road congestion.

2. Has any legal advice been taken on the specific issue of whether the implementation of the proposals as they relate to any of Friern Barnet Road, Woodhouse Road, Goldsmith Road, Friern Barnet Lane, Lewes road, Petworth Road, Buxted Road, Horsham Avenue and Friern Park would be compliant with the Council's duty under the 2004 Act to ensure the expeditious movement of traffic on the Council's own road network?

3. Please provide copies of any documents held containing such legal advice or containing any consideration or analysis of, report on, notes of or comments or discussion concerning the implementation of the proposals in the light of such legal advice.

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 attached.

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Please see attached a copy of the extract from Monthly co-ordination meeting Thursday 24 October 2019

Extracts from draft minutes of meeting with ward councillors Monday, 02/09/2019

Extract from minutes of meeting 29/07/2019:

B. whether the implementation of the proposals , resulting in increased traffic congestion in Friern Barnet Lane, Woodhouse Road and Friern Barnet Road and a consequent increase in local pollution, would be consistent with the statutory duties of the Council, including under The Traffic Management Act 2004, which places obligations on authorities to ensure the expeditious movement of traffic on their own and other authorities' road networks and a duty to make arrangements as they consider appropriate for planning and carrying out the duty. Action which the authority may take in performing that duty includes action to avoid, eliminate or reduce road congestion.

The information is not held

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N/A

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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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.