

22 November 2019
Our ref: 5749973

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

Further to my email of 21st October, here is the first of the Freedom of Information Act requests concerning the above. There will be multiple requests so that each can proceed at its own pace, as some will be easier to answer than others. They will follow very shortly.

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 the Report 'Mayoral Quietway Hornsey to NorthFinchley (Coppetts Ward)' , presented to the Council's Chipping Barnet Area Committee Meeting of 26th October 2016 which stated, at para. 3.2 'An alternative route passing further north and providing an extension to the Dollis Valley route (anticipated for inclusion in tranche 2.3) was considered by officers but has been ruled out by TfL because of the increased cost.'

Please provide :

- 1. particulars of the 'alternative route' referred to;**
- 2. copies of any documents held containing an evaluation of that alternative route;**
- 3. copies of any documents held containing a comparative evaluation of that alternative route and the route actually proposed in the Report**
- 4. copies of any documents concerning the relative costs of that alternative route and the route actually proposed in the Report**
- 5. copies of documents relating or containing discussion with TfL concerning the choice between that alternative route and the route actually proposed in the Report and including any communicating the decision of TfL to rule out the alternative route.**

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 consider that the following exceptions apply to some of the information

requested. The remaining information is not withheld and is below and attached.

Please provide :

1. particulars of the 'alternative route' referred to;

See image included at 2 below, which is attached, titled 'image Q2'

2. copies of any documents held containing an evaluation of that alternative route;

We do not have details of any evaluation other than:

Reference in Quietway Hornsey to North Finchley Route Ride Notes in relation to a route ride undertake by officers from TfL, Sustrans and Barnet (Re) on 05.05.16. See extract attached titled 'image Q2'

Attached email QDP Hornsey to North Finchley re-alignment option that provides TfL's decision regarding this.

3. copies of any documents held containing a comparative evaluation of that alternative route and the route actually proposed in the Report

No additional documents held.

4. copies of any documents concerning the relative costs of that alternative route and the route actually proposed in the Report.

No additional documents held.

5. copies of documents relating or containing discussion with TfL concerning the choice between that alternative route and the route actually proposed in the Report and including any communicating the decision of TfL to rule out the alternative route.

No additional documents held.

Refusal Notice

[Part 1 of Schedule 19](#) of the Data Protection Act 2018 amends the personal data exception Regulation 13 of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. These are consequential amendments designed to ensure that the correct provisions of the GDPR and the new Act are referenced instead of the now repealed DPA 1998. They will not fundamentally impact when personal data can, and cannot, be disclosed in response to an EIR request.

We consider the information is subject to Regulation 13 because to release it would be a breach of the Data Protection Act 2018.

Personal Information is governed by the Data Protection legislation and is defined as any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject')". It adds that: an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location number, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the

physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person.

The withheld information is exempt because disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle which requires that personal data is processed fairly and lawfully. Disclosure of the requested information would breach this principle and in particular the requirement of fairness.

Because individuals working for the council have a reasonable expectation of privacy and do not expect that the council would disclose their names or contact details in response to an information rights request, especially as they are relatively junior and not in public facing roles. The council's redaction policy states that officers' names and contact details under the level of Assistant Director will generally not be released. All of the posts redacted are under the Assistant Director level.

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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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) London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

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.