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Our ref: 5782968

Thank you for your request received on 8 November 2019, for the following information:

What is Barnet Councils Criteria for selecting streets in which to impose a 20mph speed limit

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

## **Response**

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested.

However, we consider that the following exemption apply to some of the information requested. The remaining information is not withheld and is below.

### **What is Barnet Councils Criteria for selecting streets in which to impose a 20mph speed limit**

We consider that the absolute exemption set out in Section 21 (Information accessible by other means) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already reasonably accessible elsewhere. The links are provided in the response below.

The former Cabinet in 2014 agreed the recommendations of a Task and Finish Group to allow schools in the borough to 'opt-in' for a 20 mph limit/zone <https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5195>. The decision provided for requests from other groups to also be considered, but the focus has been on schools. In line with this decision, dedicated funding for providing 20mph areas around schools has been allocated for a number of years from the borough's Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding available from TfL.

Requests from schools (for 20mph areas and other engineering measures) are identified from the school's School Travel Plan and prioritised using a points based scoring system that takes account of the school's work in encouraging sustainable travel as well as the local environment, safety etc. Other locations where 20mph schemes are requested are considered alongside other general traffic management requests and also prioritised using a points based system. The prioritisation systems are outlined here

From time to time other funding is also available from developers, Area Committee budgets or other sources to make provision in a specific location.

A distinction needs to be made between 20mph limits and 20mph zones. 20mph speed limits make use of signage only, but are only likely to be effective where traffic speeds are already relatively low. Where the speed limit on a road appears to drivers to be lower than is appropriate to the conditions compliance with the speed limit using signage alone is unlikely and the level of enforcement needed to support it places an undue burden on police resources, and may give road users an undue sense of security regarding the speed of vehicles.

20mph zones require some traffic calming features in order to make them self-enforcing.

The appropriate type of provision and extent of this is considered on a case by case basis as part of the design process, taking account of national guidance and local circumstances. Provision of a 20 mph restriction is subject to statutory consultation before the measures are introduced.

### **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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