

Assurance Group London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW 30 March 2020 Our ref: 6119588

Thank you for your request received on 24 February 2020, for the following information:

- 1) A copy of your current road maintenance policy relating to that road. Please send me the full policy, but this should include details of the intended frequency of road safety inspections, how these inspections should be conducted and the maximum time between identification of a defect and repairs being carried out.
- 2) A copy of the road repair history for that road over the past year. Again, please send me the full road repair history, but this should include:
- dates of all safety inspections between May 2019 to Feb 2020.
- details of how safety inspections were undertaken (walked or driven, speed of inspection vehicle etc)
- details of all carriageway defects identified, with description, date and time
- details of how the authority handled these defects, what repairs were undertaken and the time between the identification of each defect and a repair being carried out.

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

#### Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

A copy of your current road maintenance policy relating to that road. Please send me the full policy, but this should include details of the intended frequency of road safety inspections, how these inspections should be conducted and the maximum time between identification of a defect and repairs being carried out.

We do not have a maintenance policy for specific road sections. However, we do complete inspections in accordance with the Inspection Manual. Church Hill Road is inspected biannually and monthly in the town centre. Any highway safety intervention level defects are instructed to the Council's contractor for repair depending on their severity and the maximum time for remedy is 28 days.

A copy of the road repair history for that road over the past year. Again, please send me the full road repair history, but this should include:

## dates of all safety inspections between May 2019 to Feb 2020.

Please see attached a copy of the inspections carried out from May 2019 to February 2020 and also a spreadsheet of the road repair history covering the same period, titled inspections and repairs.

# Details of how safety inspections were undertaken (walked or driven, speed of inspection vehicle etc)

Inspections are carried out by a single Highways Inspector on foot

## Details of all carriageway defects identified, with description, date and time

Please see attached a copy of the inspections carried out from May 2019 to February 2020 and also a spreadsheet of the road repair history covering the same period, titled inspections and repairs.

Details of how the authority handled these defects, what repairs were undertaken and the time between the identification of each defect and a repair being carried out.

The maximum time between identification of a defect and repairs being carried outdepend on what the defect is. For instance, potholes are seen as a cat1 defect, therefore, we repair within 48 working hours of it being identified by a highways inspector.

Cat1 – 48 working hours

Cat 2 – 7 Working Days

Cat 3 – 28 Working Days

#### **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. <a href="http://open.barnet.gov.uk/">http://open.barnet.gov.uk/</a>

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