



Assurance Group
London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
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Our ref: 6213988

Thank you for your request received on 23 March 2020, for the following information:

The junction of Finchley Road and Briardale Gardens NW2.

Under the freedom of information act can you also send me

- 1) number of fines you have issued on the junction,**
- 2) the effect this restriction has had on pollution levels on the corner of Hermitage Lane and Platts Lane**
- 3) the effect on traffic flow on Hermitage lane.**

This is really unacceptable. There has been no improvements of traffic calming measures or pollution levels on Hermitage Lane during the last ten years, even with all the broken promises from your team. But your team have found a way to prioritise issuing us with £130 traffic fines for taking our children to school.

I request the above information in 5 working days.

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

Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and although we hold some of the information requested, some is not held by London Borough of Barnet because Enter the reason why the information requested is not held

We have provided answers to your request below showing where we do not hold the information requested.

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Please see <https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/2r84e/moving-traffic-pcn-dashboard>

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- 3) the effect on traffic flow on Hermitage lane.***

Total traffic at the junction of Hermitage Lane with Platts Lane and Rosemont

Avenue was surveyed prior to the changes in November/December 2017 and again afterwards at the start of July 2018. For the period of the morning restrictions (6am-10.30am) this showed an increase in total vehicles from 3380 to 3820 (13% increase). Further surveys undertaken in March 2019 did not include total traffic at the junction, however traffic on Hermitage Lane was seen to have reduced from that observed in July 2018 (see response to Q3 below).

The table attached summarises the effect on traffic flow in Hermitage Lane. Data is available from a survey undertaken about 4 months before the restriction was introduced, from a survey about 3 months after introduction and a survey about 11 months after introduction. While eastbound traffic is observed to increase, westbound traffic reduces and total traffic 11 months after introduction is slightly below the level recorded before the changes.

A further table also attached summarises the effect during the time that the morning restriction is in effect at Briardale Gardens and Pattison Road.

Hermitage Lane (South of Elm Terrace)

Total traffic - average of Monday to Thursday data

Before data Thurs 30 Nov 2017 to Wed 6 Dec 2017 (exc Fri, Sat, Sun), interim data Mon 2 July 2018 to Thurs 5 July 2018, after Mon 25 March 2019 to Thurs 28 March 2019 data. Shaded areas show hours of restriction (or restriction for part of period).

The attachment details information supplied by Scientific Services.

The nearest Scientific Services monitor Nitrogen dioxide to Briardale Gardens is PBN 17 &18 Golders Green Coach station and PBN 20 Cricklewood Lane NW2 which all show a general improvement in last few years see below.

Air quality is influenced by road traffic but also by still weather, so increases in individual roads do not necessarily make a significant impact compared with the general improvement due to cleaner engine technology. This area will be in the Ultra-Low Emission zone from Autumn 2021 which has predictions of improving air quality by around 20% over a few years which should minimise the affect any local increases in traffic.

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.