



London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale,  
London NW9 4EW  
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Our ref: 6439948

Thank you for your request received on 17 July 2020, for the following information:

- 1. Can you let me know what the estimates you have given for the same size crossover on my road, as well as, surrounding area within the last 6 months.**
- 2. Why is the costs & fees lower for Council owned / tenanted properties?**
- 3. Why is the charge so high when the works is not significantly more compared to without a crossover? Can the Council justify additional cost?**
- 4. As it has taken over 25 years to renew footpaths, can you provide details of when other footpaths had similar works done in the last 20 years; especially where the Councillors live(d) during the same period?**
- 5. Will the Councillors/other residents be asked to construct boundary walls if they currently don't have to their house frontage? If not, why?**

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

***1. Can you let me know what the estimates you have given for the same size crossover on my road, as well as, surrounding area within the last 6 months.***

More guidance on Crossover Applications can be found here

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/roads-and-pavements/apply-have-your-kerb-lowered>

We have a standard calculation for estimates using a cost per sqm, the cost will vary due to the different widths of footways in the borough and the size of crossover requested also if the work is being completed as part of the footway scheme the cost is discounted see below.

Applications received during footway works

£100 per sqm for crossover construction

- Application fee £139.45 (new fee as of June 2020)
- Legal fees £205.34

Applications received for any other road- not on the same street when planned works are in progress

- £175 per sqm for crossover construction
- Application fee £189.38 (new fee as of June 2020)
- Legal fees £205.34

In your street, in the past six months, there have been the following estimates:

Property A	Size 2.4m – Quote £902
Property B	Size 2.4m – Quote £902
Property C	Size 2.4m – Quote £902
Property D	Size 2.4m – Quote £902
Property E	Size 2.4m – Quote £902
Property F	Size 2.4m – Quote £902
Property G	Size 3m – Quote £1076
Property H	Size 3m - Quote £1106
Property I	Size 3.4m – Quote £1192
Property J	Size 4.2m - Quote £1340
Property K	Size 4.2m – Quote £1340
Property L	Size 4.2m - Quote £1382
Property M	Size 4.2m - Quote £1382

## ***2. Why is the costs & fees lower for Council owned / tenanted properties?***

There are no difference in costs between council owned properties and private owned properties

## ***3. Why is the charge so high when the works is not significantly more compared to without a crossover? Can the Council justify additional cost?***

Cost covers adequate strengthening for vehicular use and new kerbing to offer access to driveways

## ***4. As it has taken over 25 years to renew footpaths, can you provide details of when other footpaths had similar works done in the last 20 years; especially where the Councillors live(d) during the same period?***

This information can be obtained by searching under The Highways Network Recovery Programme of works for Footways

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/roads-and-pavements/road-and-pavement-maintenance-works#title-0>

The Council is committed to improving green spaces and the condition of roads and pavements whilst getting value for money. There is a programme of improvement works, and works are prioritised with regard to a number of factors, tenders for works are let and published in line with priorities and can be located here:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/> using the search function. The residence of an elected member is immaterial.

***5. Will the Councillors/other residents be asked to construct boundary walls if they currently don't have to their house frontage? If not, why?***

The crossover policy, as amended and finalized in April 2019, introduced the need for front boundaries to prevent illegal use and damage to the footway by vehicles accessing other parts of a hard standing not served by a crossover.

There are no plans to introduce this retrospectively except when a new application is received and a hardstanding has been previously constructed but not yet served by a crossover

### **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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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.

