



RE Highways Network Management,
Colindale Offices,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW
22 January 2021
Our ref: 6892921

Thank you for your request received on 22 December 2020, for the following information:
Please could you look into and send me the following information:

- 1) A descriptive list or scanned copy of the definitive map of all public rights of way (including bridleways and restricted byways) in NW7, HA8, EN5 and N20 postcode districts.**
- 2) Copies or summaries of any complaints, feedback or general correspondence received since 1st January 2020, regarding public rights of way in the aforementioned postcode districts, along with any actions taken as a result.**
- 3) What is the maintenance or monitoring schedule employed by Barnet Council to ensure that public rights of way remain accessible and in good condition?**
- 4) Please clarify what the local authority is legally bound to do in terms of upkeep of public rights of way (for example installing kissing gates, ensuring wheelchair accessibility, trimming overgrowth and trees etc), and which responsibilities fall to the respective land owners instead.**

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below and attached.

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- 1) A descriptive list or scanned copy of the definitive map of all public rights of way (including bridleways and restricted byways) in NW7, HA8, EN5 and N20 postcode districts.**

Scans of the Definitive Map and Statement have been provided in response to previous FOI requests. If you search here <https://barnetportal.icasework.com/cases?&public=true&byCaseType=false&byKeyword=true&max=20&title=Barnet%20Disclosure> for the keyword "Definitive" you will find the response to an enquiry received 02/11/2020 that provided this.

Paths that form part of the adopted highway but which may not be on the Definitive Map (chiefly urban footpaths) are included in the Highways Register.
<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/2oon2/barnet-highways-register>

Please note that not all of HA8 is within Barnet so may not be covered.

2) Copies or summaries of any complaints, feedback or general correspondence received since 1st January 2020, regarding public rights of way in the aforementioned postcode districts, along with any actions taken as a result.

The first table attached titled 'Public Rights of Way' identifies enquiries that have been logged as Public Rights of Way enquiries to the Highways Service between 01/01/2020 and 23/12/2020 relating to locations in NW7, HA8, EN5 or N20 with some exclusions as below.

Excludes:

- Requests for information in response to land charges search questions (i.e. does definitive map shows any Public Rights of Way abutting, affecting or crossing specified property, pending applications or legal orders not yet implemented or shown)
- Nil reports of issues from Ramblers Association

The second table titled 'Public Rights of Way' identifies other issues that have not been logged as PRoW enquiries, but have been identified as such from emails etc.

3) What is the maintenance or monitoring schedule employed by Barnet Council to ensure that public rights of way remain accessible and in good condition?

The Greenspaces Team manage the vegetation contract for rural footpaths and bridleways. This ensures vegetation is pruned back to allow access. The path vegetation is cut back twice a year.

The public right of way are maintainable by the Highway authority.

4) Please clarify what the local authority is legally bound to do in terms of upkeep of public rights of way (for example installing kissing gates, ensuring wheelchair accessibility, trimming overgrowth and trees etc), and which responsibilities fall to the respective land owners instead.

Please refer to the below links

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/public-rights-of-way-local-authority-responsibilities>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/public-rights-of-way-landowner-responsibilities>

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[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.