

RE Highways Network Management, Colindale Offices, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW 18 February 2021 Our ref: 6988204

Thank you for your request received on 1 February 2021, for the following information:

1. How many miles of road verges do you manage; and how is this split between urban and rural verges?

2. How much money have you budgeted towards the maintenance of road verges in 2021? Again, how is this split between urban and rural verges?

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

1. How many miles of road verges do you manage; and how is this split between urban and rural verges?

The London Borough Barnet Council does not hold information on length of verges maintained, or hold a specific figure for urban and rural verges.

However, I can advise:

Verges = 528665 m2 = 52.86 hectares (these are fly cut 10 times a year).

Rural Grass Verges = 24884 M2= 2.48 hectares (cut twice a year by Tractor and Side arm Flail)

2. How much money have you budgeted towards the maintenance of road verges in 2021? Again, how is this split between urban and rural verges?

Information not held. We do not recharge Highways annually for cyclical maintenance to highways verges shrubs or hedges as per the bill of quantity as they are today, this is the same for Parks, there is an agreed Grounds Maintenance staff structure and overall budget to maintain Highway Sites and Parks but this not broken down any further than that.

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.

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