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Colindale Offices,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW
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Our ref: 7016068

Thank you for your request received on 8 February 2021, for the following information:

I am interested to understand how different Local Authorities approach Collision Investigation and Prevention (CIP) and what processes and policies are in place to support this.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I request the following information:

- 1. Do you have a policy in place to support your approach to Collision Investigations and Prevention and the schemes you put forward for delivery?**
- 2. If the answer to Q1 is yes, can you please provide a copy of this policy?**
- 3. If the answer is no to Q1, do you plan to implement a policy in the near future?**
- 4. Do you undertake an annual collision review?**
- 5. If the answer to Q4 is yes, what criteria do you use to identify cluster sites or sites needing a safety scheme?**
- 6. Do you use any software to help assessment collisions and identify concern sites? If so, what software.**
- 7. Do you use a risk based approach to CIP? If so, please provide the criteria you use.**
- 8. Do you use a GIS based system to map collisions or road characteristic to give roads a risk score or red, amber, green rating?**
- 9. If you answered yes to question 8, can you provide the detail of how this risk score is achieved and confirm whether this information is publicly available via an online mapping system?**
- 10. How many road safety schemes do you deliver on an annual basis?**
- 11. What is your annual budget for road safety schemes?**
- 12. How many potential schemes so you have for future deliver pending prioritisation or budget?**
- 13. What level of funding would be require for your to deliver all known pipeline or potential road safety schemes.**
- 14. Do you look for sites where there is a higher risk of collisions occurring based on the characteristics of the road or does your prioritisation focus on past collision numbers?**

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.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I request the following information:

1. Do you have a policy in place to support your approach to Collision Investigations and Prevention and the schemes you put forward for delivery?

No

2. If the answer to Q1 is yes, can you please provide a copy of this policy?

N/A

3. If the answer is no to Q1, do you plan to implement a policy in the near future?

Barnet's Long Term Transport Strategy includes an outstanding action to develop a Road Safety Strategy

4. Do you undertake an annual collision review?

No, we undertake an informal review on an annual basis

5. If the answer to Q4 is yes, what criteria do you use to identify cluster sites or sites needing a safety scheme?

N/A

6. Do you use any software to help assessment collisions and identify concern sites? If so, what software.

TfL's Collstats. Buchanan AccsMap (some current access issues)

7. Do you use a risk based approach to CIP? If so, please provide the criteria you use.

No

8. Do you use a GIS based system to map collisions or road characteristic to give roads a risk score or red, amber, green rating?

No

9. If you answered yes to question 8, can you provide the detail of how this risk score is achieved and confirm whether this information is publicly available via an online mapping system?

N/A

10. How many road safety schemes do you deliver on an annual basis?

This varies depending on what you consider to be a road safety scheme (a lot of schemes we undertake have road safety elements but are not described as such) as well as the actual number which will vary from year to year. In 2020/21 – a year when funding has been significantly disrupted - we are currently working on 21 schemes that are specifically identified as "casualty reduction schemes" and were prioritised on this basis although not all will deliver this year. However, in addition, there are a range of other schemes in the programme that nevertheless have a road safety element, but which have been identified through Area Committees, school travel or in response to more general requests (for example) rather than directly as casualty reduction proposals, or which are more major junction improvements where safety was one of several considerations. In 2019/20 schemes were not explicitly identified as road safety or casualty reduction schemes, although once again there were schemes in the programme where road safety will have been a direct or indirect consideration

11. What is your annual budget for road safety schemes?

Again – this depends on what you consider to be road safety schemes. In 2020/21 funding has been significantly disrupted – the amount allocated for the explicitly identified casualty reduction schemes above is £152,000 but other funding will also be delivering schemes where road safety has been a consideration even though they are not explicitly identified as being road safety schemes. As noted above in 2019/20 schemes were not explicitly identified as road safety schemes

12. How many potential schemes so you have for future deliver pending prioritisation or budget?

Not possible to define. Road safety proposals are often drawn from more general lists of requests

13. What level of funding would be require for your to deliver all known pipeline or potential road safety schemes.

This is not possible to define.

14. Do you look for sites where there is a higher risk of collisions occurring based on the characteristics of the road or does your prioritisation focus on past collision numbers?

Prioritisation of locations for casualty reduction schemes for 2020/21 and 2021/22 has focused on an initial assessment of likely benefit/cost (a modified first year rate of return).

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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