



RE Highways Network Management,
Colindale Offices,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW
8 April 2021
Our ref: 7093284

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

The request relates to traffic signage at Mayfield Avenue, N12 , specifically the signage prohibiting certain vehicular traffic.

The term 'documents' used below includes documents whether in written or in electronic formats and includes reports, papers, notes, emails, letters and memoranda.

We request copies of the documents relating to -

- 1. the approval of the installation of the signage (including the reasons for its installation);**
- 2. any enforcement measures (such as cameras) considered or implemented in respect of that signage;**
- 3. the number of penalty notices or other enforcement actions taken in the last 2 years in respect of alleged contraventions of that signage; and**
- 4. the Council's policies with regard to enforcement measures (and the lack of them) in respect of that and similar signage.**

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

Response

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

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Our traffic order index identifies that “The London Traffic (Finchley and Friern Barnet) Regulations, 1951” imposed a 2.5 ton unladen weight restriction on Mayfield Avenue (and a number of other roads in the area).

These restrictions are not (or no longer) standard weight restrictions and cannot be signed using normal “lorry” restriction signs. Instead they appear to have been mainly signed using a “No motor vehicles” signs with a supplementary plate stating “No vehicles over 2.5 tons unladen except for access” (although there is some variation). We do not have a record of when these signs were first installed or a record of approval for the installation of the signage. The use of the no-vehicles sign will not have required specific authorisation.

2. any enforcement measures (such as cameras) considered or implemented in respect of that signage;

Council enforcement of the restriction has not been considered beyond officers noting informally that there would be practical difficulties in doing so.

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Nil

4. the Council's policies with regard to enforcement measures (and the lack of them) in respect of that and similar signage.

There are not specific policies with regard to enforcement or non-enforcement of this or similar restrictions. Information about the introduction of Moving Traffic Contraventions generally and installation of camera sites is included in publicly available committee papers.

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<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=695&MID=8331#AI12719> provides general information about the powers available, and a search on 'Moving Traffic' or 'Moving Traffic Contraventions' of other committee papers

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieDocSearch.aspx?bcr=1> will also provide general information and information about specific camera sites, although not directly relevant to your enquiry about Mayfield Avenue N12.

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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