



London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale,  
London NW9 4EW  
8 April 2021  
Our ref: 7133476

Thank you for your request received on 17 March 2021, for the following information:

**This request is made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations and is submitted on behalf of Friern Barnet & Whetstone Residents' Association.**

**The request relates to arrangements/proposals to expand or create wholly new CPZs in the vicinity of the northern boundary A406 as a response to the expansion of the ULEZ to the A406 scheduled for October 2021 ('CPZ plans')**

**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 -**

- 1. comprising the CPZ plans;**
- 2. recording discussions with TfL, The Mayor of London, the GLA and central Government with regard to the CPZ plans or previous versions of them.**

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

## **Response**

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested.

However, we believe that the exceptions detailed below apply to some/all the information you requested and so we are withholding that information. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

The Council has met its transparency objectives by publishing details of the CPZ review here:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s62785/Controlled%20Parking%20Zones%20Programme.pdf>

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s62786/Appendix%20A%20Controlled%20Parking%20Zone%20Policy%20Principles.pdf>

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I have checked with the Parking Design team and Parking Services.

We consider that regulation 12 (4) (d) (In course of completion, unfinished or incomplete) applies to the information requested because we consider that the request relates to material which is still in the course of completion, to unfinished documents or to incomplete data.

The aims of the exception are to protect work we may have in progress by delaying disclosure until a final or completed version can be made available. This allows the Council to finish ongoing work without interruption and interference from outside; and protects the Council from having to spend time and resources explaining or justifying ideas that are not or may never be final.

These factors are that the decision making processes of public functions should be transparent and open to scrutiny in order to inform the public debate. The EIRs are in place to ensure public access to environmental information and releasing this draft would present a risk of misinformation with no clear advantage to the public interest.

In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Council will bring forward its formal changes, through the formal process set down for engaging and consulting the public where any issues or concerns can be raised and addressed through the appropriate channel.

### **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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