



Barnet House, 9th Floor

11 May 2021
Our ref: 7244245

Dear Mr Sriniragh

Thank you for your request received on 22 April 2021, for the following information:

Traffic tail back on Barnet High street during peak times are very long and this results in use of additional Cars on road to drop children to school at right time. This is a big problem for parents from Hadley wood / Potters bar side because the frequency of public transport buses are very low and easily results in 30 - 50+ cars running to drop kids to QE boys and girls schools

Can you provide what measures council is taking to ease this situation and to manage traffic and to reduce cars on road

- 1. Is there a Traffic signal optimisation plan for peak hours in Barnet high street. If yes please provide details of when what was done. If no can you provide details of what action council is going to take to reduce the tailbacks**
- 2. List of traffic improvement plans for high street for current year**
- 3. Is there plan to increase the frequency / change ownership to TFL / supplement additional buses for schools / of bus no 84 which is not TFL run but takes 10+ minutes for a short move from Hadley wood to high street during peak hours resulting in kids running to school or reach late to school and also creates health and safety issues which parents are worried about**
- 4. What other proactive steps council plan to do to ease the peak hour traffic situation**

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

Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and although we hold some of the information requested, some is not held by London Borough of Barnet because this information is held by Transport for London (TfL) and the responsible bus provider.

We have provided answers to your request below showing where we do not hold the information requested.

- 1. Is there a Traffic signal optimisation plan for peak hours in Barnet high**

street. If yes please provide details of when what was done. If no can you provide details of what action council is going to take to reduce the tailbacks

Please contact TfL for this information. See refusal notice below.

2. List of traffic improvement plans for high street for current year

There are currently none planned by the London Borough of Barnet.

3. Is there plan to increase the frequency / change ownership to TFL / supplement additional buses for schools / of bus no 84 which is not TFL run but takes 10+ minutes for a short move from Hadley wood to high street during peak hours resulting in kids running to school or reach late to school and also creates health and safety issues which parents are worried about

Please contact the responsible bus provider for this information. See refusal notice below.

4. What other proactive steps council plan to do to ease the peak hour traffic situation

Barnet works with schools in the borough to develop and implement school travel plans to encourage sustainable and active travel choices including encouraging walking and cycling or use of public transport where possible. While options for students from further away may be limited, nevertheless many students from north of Barnet town centre are within a realistic walking distance of either of the schools mentioned.

Refusal Notice: R12(4)(a) - Information not held

Therefore regulation 12(4)(a) applies to part of your request. Regulation 12(4)(a) provides an exception to the duty to disclose information when information is not held.

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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