

24 May 2021
Our ref: 7251308

Thank you for your request received on 24 April 2021, for the following information:

Under the FOI Act, I would ask the London Borough of Barnet to supply the following information in either paper or electronic format:

- 1. Any authorisation from the Secretary of State for Transport for enforcement of a non-standard yellow box junction layout at the junction of High Street (EN5) with St Albans Road (or confirmation that no such authorisation was granted)**
- 2. Any traffic survey that was undertaken prior to the installation of a yellow box junction at this junction (or confirmation that no such survey was undertaken)**
- 3. The protocols, policies or decision-making rules under which CCTV operators review footage from the CCTV at this junction and decide whether or not a contravention under your offence code 31J 'entering and stopping in a box junction when prohibited' had occurred**

I look forward to hearing from you in due course. Thanks.

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 and attached.

1. Any authorisation from the Secretary of State for Transport for enforcement of a non-standard yellow box junction layout at the junction of High Street (EN5) with St Albans Road (or confirmation that no such authorisation was granted)

A yellow box has been present at the junction for over 20 years, and perhaps longer, and has been in a configuration close to the current arrangement for at least 12 years.

We are not aware of a site specific authorisation for installation of a non-standard yellow box at this location (note this is authorisation given for installation of an, otherwise non-authorised, road marking rather than for enforcement of such markings). A review was undertaken in 2015 prior to the introduction of camera enforcement. At that time a site specific authorisation was not found. However, the introduction of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 relaxed the requirements for yellow box junctions allowing the overall shape and size of the

marking to be varied as appropriate, removing the requirement for site specific authorisation.

2. Any traffic survey that was undertaken prior to the installation of a yellow box junction at this junction (or confirmation that no such survey was undertaken)

No information held. We do not know what surveys may have been undertaken before the marking was originally installed.

3. The protocols, policies or decision-making rules under which CCTV operators review footage from the CCTV at this junction and decide whether or not a contravention under your offence code 31J 'entering and stopping in a box junction when prohibited' had occurred

The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (TSRGD) 2016 (STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS 2016 No. 362), SCHEDULE 9 - Regulatory signs at junctions and miscellaneous regulatory signs, PART 7 - The significance of particular signs in Schedule 9.

Box junctions

11.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2), (3) and (4), the yellow criss-cross marking provided for at item 25 of the sign table in Part 6 conveys the prohibition that a person must not cause a vehicle to enter the box junction so that the vehicle has to stop within the box junction due to the presence of stationary vehicles.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (4) the marking when placed as a box junction within sub-paragraph (6)(c) of the definition of that expression conveys the prohibition that a person must not cause a vehicle to enter the box junction so that the vehicle has to stop within the box junction due to the presence of oncoming vehicles or other stationary vehicles beyond the box junction.

(3) The prohibition in sub-paragraph (1) does not, in respect of a box junction within sub-paragraph (6)(a) of the definition of that expression, apply to a person who—

(a) causes a vehicle to enter the box junction for the purpose of turning right; and

(b) stops the vehicle within the box junction for so long as the vehicle is prevented from completing the right turn by an oncoming vehicle or other vehicle which is stationary whilst waiting to complete a right turn.

Further information

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