

Barnet House, 9th Floor

25 May 2021
Our ref: 7275800

Dear Ms Yeo,

Thank you for your request received on 26 April 2021, for the following information:

- 1. How many times per year do you mow your rural road verges, and when?**
- 2. How many times per year do you mow your urban road verges, and when?**
- 3. Do you manage any areas of your road verges for conservation/wildlife specifically, and can you outline the management regime in place if so?**
- 4. Have you consulted with an ecologist or an NGO on how best to manage your road verges?**
- 5. Have you altered your verge cutting regime/budget significantly in the last five years? How?**

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers are below.

1. How many times per year do you mow your rural road verges, and when?

The grass verges are cut twice a year:

- May / June
- September/October

2. How many times per year do you mow your urban road verges, and when?

10 times between Mid-March and end of October.

3. Do you manage any areas of your road verges for conservation/wildlife specifically, and can you outline the management regime in place if so?

The Contractor will adhere to the Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) guidelines on hedge cutting during the bird nesting season. A visual inspection will be carried out on any hedges that require cutting between July and August. Where birds are found to be nesting, the Contractor will ensure maximum care not to disturb the nest or bird/s even if it means leaving in part or the whole of the cutting of a particular hedge until the nest has become unoccupied.

4. Have you consulted with an ecologist or an NGO on how best to manage your road verges?

LBB Highways have not consulted with an ecologist or NGO regarding managing road verges.

5. Have you altered your verge cutting regime/budget significantly in the last five years? How?

No.

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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