

London Borough of Barnet
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Our ref: 9143922

Thank you for your request received on 17 February 2023, for the following information:

The Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) expansion, scheduled to start from 29 August 2023, is to include Barnet Council.

What independent assessments has Barnet Council specifically made and what evidence it has gathered (e.g air quality measurements, resident consultations) for and against the expansion into Barnet?

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

Response

While our Transport Strategy team have not commissioned any specific independent assessments of the likely impacts of ULEZ extension, we have considered a range of evidence including the comprehensive integrated impact assessment published by the Mayor, the Council's own air quality monitoring and published sources about the health impacts of poor air quality. We have also had experience of part of the borough being covered by the ULEZ since October 2021.

See Refusal Notice below.

Refusal Notice

R12 (4)(d) - Material which is still in the course of completion, to unfinished documents or to incomplete data

Barnet are due to start consultation on the Air quality action 2023-8 plan shortly and ULEZ is one of the points within the plan. However there will not be any data for this for at least a couple of months.

Factors against release are that early release, ahead of the scheduled date could

give a misleading and inaccurate picture and divert officers and resources from their official business. Factors for release 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 on balance releasing this draft would present a risk of misinformation with no clear advantage to the public interest.

We will fulfil our transparency and public scrutiny objectives by publishing the data, through the set down publication process.

Further information

Barnet measures air quality independently and gives an annual report see link www.barnet.gov.uk/environmental-problems/air-quality/air-quality-monitoring

2022 figures are due to be reported on 31/5/23.

The GLA and TFL do assessments of the ULEZ and you should make an information request directly to these organisations using the following links.

[Freedom of information | London City Hall](#)

[Freedom of Information - Transport for London \(tfl.gov.uk\)](http://tfl.gov.uk)

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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