



13 March 2024
Our ref: IRN23949766

Dear Sir/ Madam

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Lambeth Council. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

Your request

Please could you provide all relevant emails, meeting minutes, and other documentation, relating to any discussion on the clarity of the signage and road decorations related to conveying the message that motor vehicles are not permitted to pass through the specific control points in the Low Traffic Neighbourhoods. In particular any documentation around considerations of potential confusion from road users, the pros and cons of such signage decisions, and the potential use of No Entry signs or alternatives to the "No motor vehicles" sign that has been widely or completely used at the LTN control points.

Our response

All traffic management designs for the Streatham Wells LTN that include traffic signs that prohibit motor vehicles and no entry signs are drawn up by the Lambeth Traffic Order Team using the [Traffic Signs Regulations General Direction \(TSRGD\)](#).

The design of the schemes is based on the traffic signs manual which offers advice to traffic authorities and their contractors, designers and managing agents in the United Kingdom, on the use of traffic signs and road markings on the highway network. Whilst the Manual can assist with complying with the mandatory requirements, it does not provide a definitive legal interpretation, nor can it override them. Mandatory requirements for the installation of regulatory signs are set out in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 (as amended) (TSRGD). These documents are freely available for anyone to view online but to make the restrictions enforceable the following needs to be adhered to.

General signage

Diagram 619 (no motor vehicles) gives effect to an order which prohibits the use of motor vehicles and is generally used to remove through traffic out of certain roads for environmental reasons and where cyclists would not be a hazard to pedestrians.

Schedule 3 (1) gives reference to the colour, type and size of sign. The signs are compliant insofar as it's a circular regulatory sign depicting a motor cycle and motor vehicle.

Part 4 (section 4) highlights that where the sign is placed on a road subject to a speed limit greater than 20 mph, and is within 50 metres of any lamp which forms part of a system of street-lighting then the sign needs to be illuminated. London borough of Lambeth is subject to a 20mph speed limit so the sign does not need to be illuminated.

Diagram 878 (camera sign) is an advisory signs which gives advice to drivers that a regulatory restriction is enforced by cameras and is compliant.

Part 5 (21) allows for the legend / text of the sign shown in TSRDG may be omitted or varied from the sign or "Speed cameras", "Average speed check", "Traffic signal and speed cameras", "Traffic enforcement cameras", "Police cameras", "Police enforcement cameras" or "Bus lane cameras". The sign is therefore compliant as the varying legend can be omitted.

The emergency services are not permitted to contravene a no entry sign, so No Motor Vehicle signs were used instead to allow continued access, along with access for refuge vehicles and service vehicles that need to maintain the highway.

Where visibility of the regulatory signs is restricted, additional signs may be introduced, in consultation with the council's enforcement to ensure that there is sufficient advanced warning on the approach to the restriction. If the signs are clearly visible, additional advance warning is not required, however the council has endeavoured to introduce as much advance warning as possible. Furthermore, to enforce the restriction, only one sign is required to enforce the restriction, however the decision was also made to double up the signs on both sides of the road to give drivers further information to driver when approaching the restrictions.

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The Information Commissioner's Office
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Telephone: 0330 123 1113
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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

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