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Sadiq Khan Mayor of London City Hall The Queen's Walk London SE1 2AA



**Date:** 11 June 2019

Dear Sadiq

## Re: 20 mph zones in Barnet

We are writing to bring your attention Barnet Council's policy regarding 20 mph zones. The borough will only allow new zones on roads outside schools, rather than where residents wish to have them. Barnet Labour Party has campaigned strongly against this.

You may have seen reports of the recent fatal collision involving a 3-year-old boy in East Finchley. Whilst this case should not be prejudged, ward Councillors and residents have been pushing for a 20mph zone for the whole ward, which I support, but is not currently permissible under Barnet Council's policy.

This approach runs contrary to your ambition to achieve zero road deaths. A 20mph zone may not be appropriate for every road, but where residents believe it would make a difference in reducing speeds and making walking safer, policy obstacles should not be in the way.

We are therefore asking you to write to the leader of Barnet Council, Cllr. Dan Thomas, to encourage him to reconsider their policy, and so championing the wish of residents to make our roads safer.

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Yours sincerely,

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London Assembly Member Barnet and Camden **Cllr Barry Rawlings** 

Leader of Barnet Labour Group