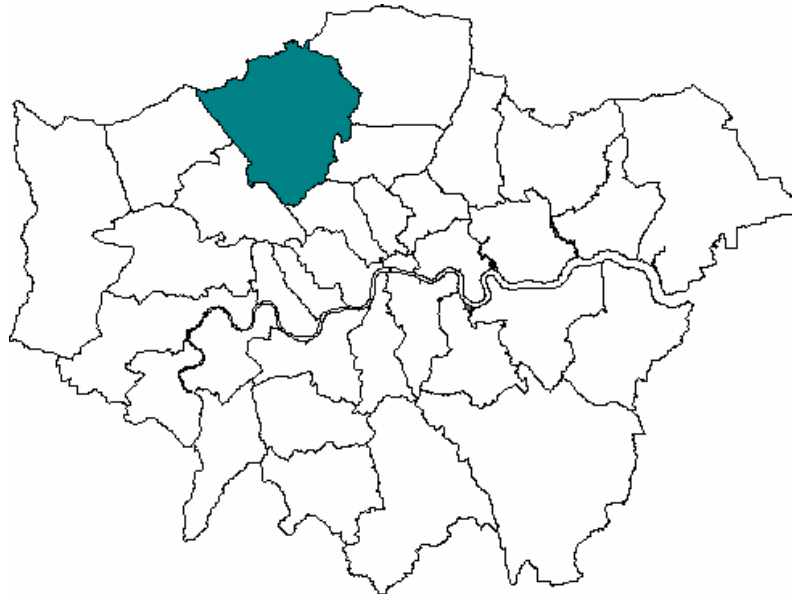


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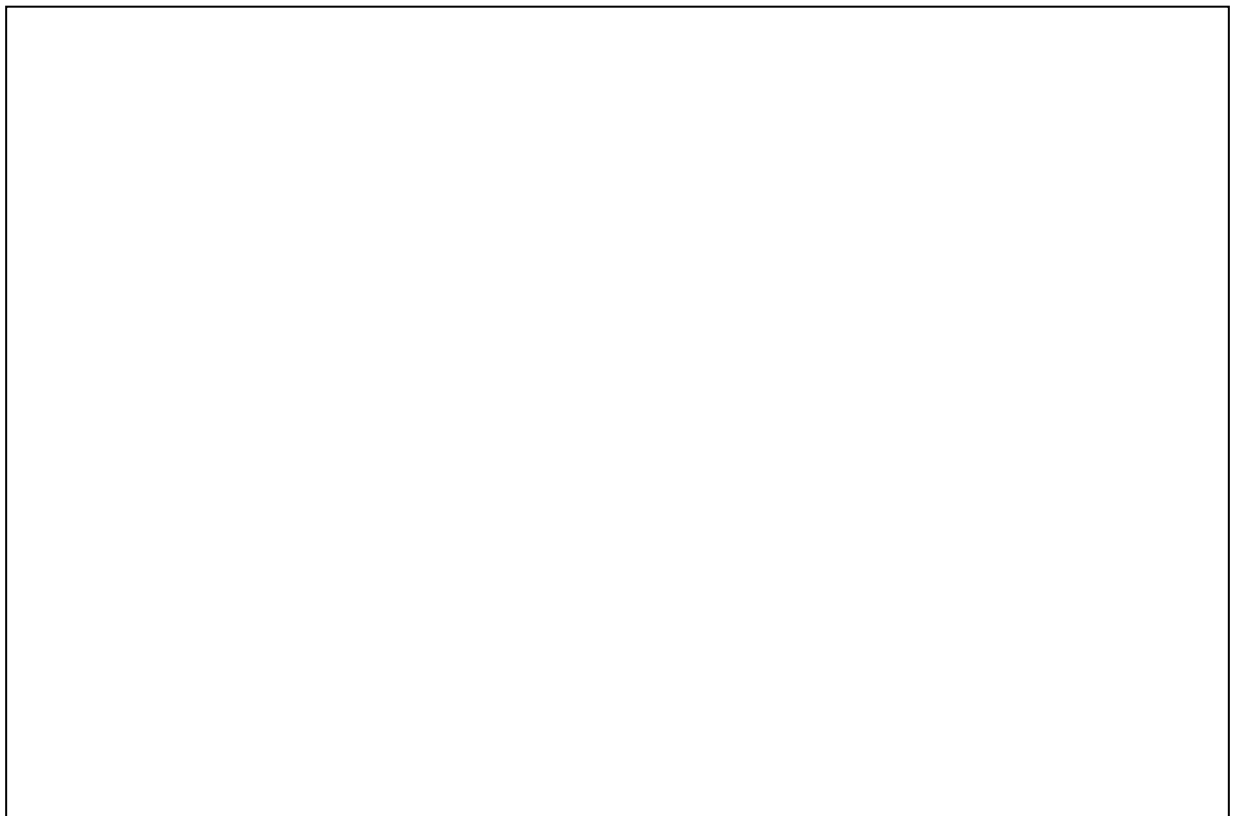
## INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Transport is key to maintaining Barnet's economic prosperity and our ability to meet the needs of our growing population. We share many of the transport challenges experienced across London; increasing traffic congestion, balancing the needs of road users and pedestrians, and a perception that public transport is overcrowded unreliable and expensive. Additionally, we face more local challenges to improve the transport infrastructure to support our ambitious regeneration programme.
- 1.2 Situated in north London (see Figure 1.1), Barnet is the fourth largest London borough in terms of area. It has boundaries with five other London boroughs (Camden, Brent, Haringey, Harrow and Enfield), and also with the district of Hertsmere in Hertfordshire.

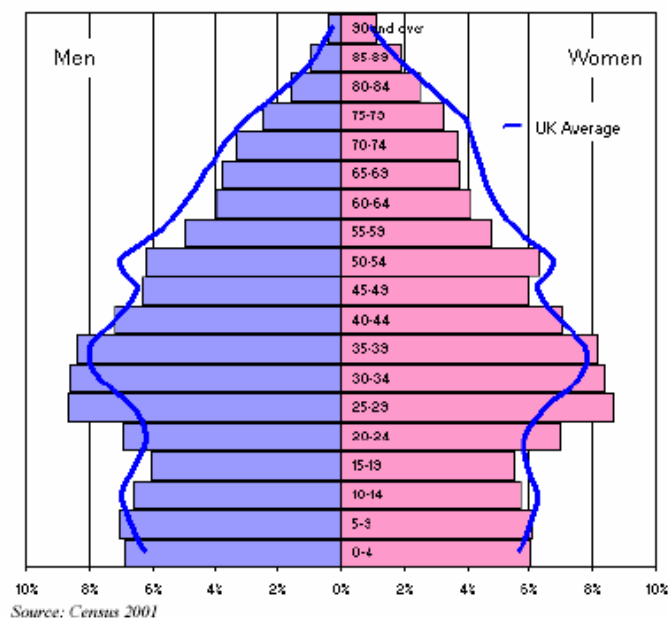
**Figure 1.1 - Location Map**



- 1.3 A large proportion of Barnet is within the Green Belt, which forms a green wedge in the middle of the borough. The borough does not have a single centre; the largest town centre, Edgware, is situated at the extreme north west of the borough at the boundary with the London Borough of Harrow (refer to Figure 1.2). There are, however a large number of district centres, and the Brent Cross Regional Shopping Centre is situated in the south of the borough.

**Figure 1.2 – Map showing town and district centres in Barnet****BARNET'S POPULATION**

- 1.4 Barnet has the second largest borough population in London. The Census 2001 recorded 314,000 residents and in common with London as a whole, the borough has a greater proportion of the population in the 20-40 age range than the UK average. Census data for 1991 and 2001 show a population increase of 7.1% but subsequent adjustments by the Office for National Statistics to 1991 population estimates suggest that the actual change was slightly lower at 5.7%, (refer to Figure 1.3)

**Figure 1.3 – Population figures in Barnet**

- 1.5 Barnet is also the 20th most ethnically diverse area in England, its population reflecting the diversity found across many parts of outer London. The borough also has the highest proportion of Jewish residents (14.6%) and Chinese residents (2%) of any local authority in England and Wales.

**Table 1.1 – Ethnic origin of Barnet residents**

<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Barnet</b>	<b>Outer London</b>	<b>Greater London</b>	<b>England</b>
<b>White</b>	74.0%	74.6%	71.2%	90.9%
<b>Mixed</b>	3.0%	2.7%	3.2%	1.3%
<b>Asian or Asian British</b>	12.3%	13.0%	12.1%	4.6%
<b>Black or Black British</b>	6.0%	7.5%	10.9%	2.1%
<b>Chinese</b>	2.0%	0.9%	1.1%	0.4%
<b>Other</b>	2.6%	1.3%	1.6%	0.4%

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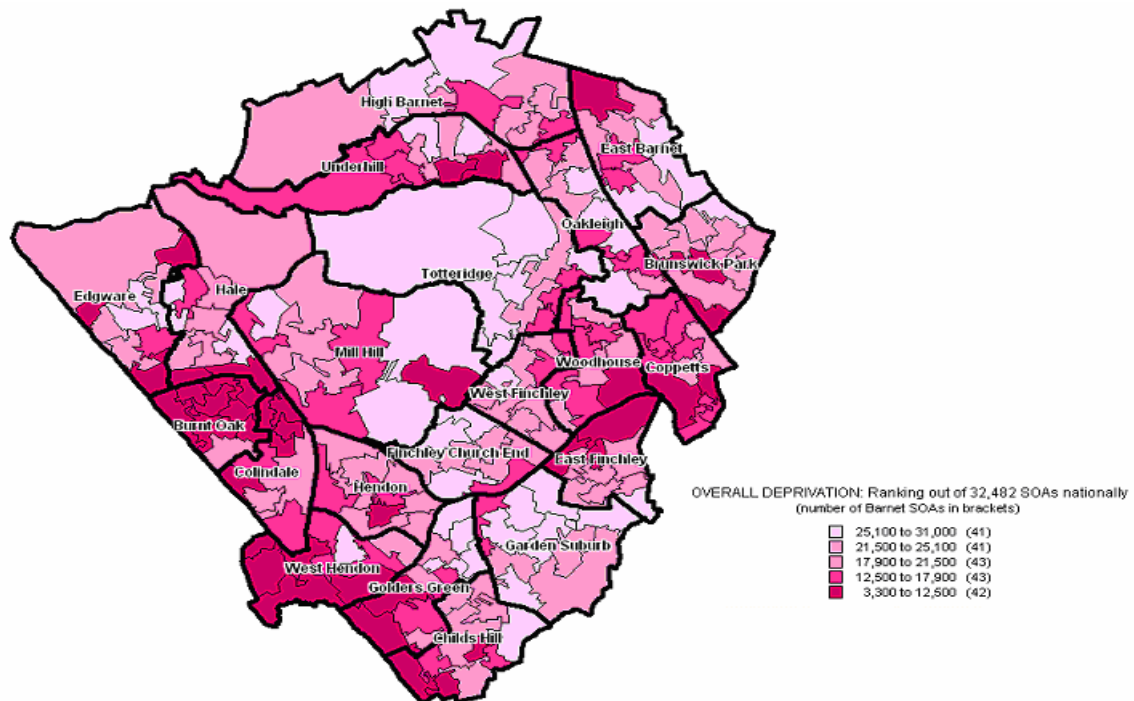
Source Census 2001

**Table 1.1a – Ethnic origin of Barnet residents – full ethnic groupings**

White	British	59.9%
	Irish	3.4%
	Other White	10.8%
Mixed	White and Black Caribbean	0.5%
	White and Black African	0.5%
	White and Asian	1.0%
	Other Mixed	1.0%
Asian or Asian British	Indian	8.6%
	Pakistani	1.3%
	Bangladeshi	0.5%
	Other Asian	2.0%
Black or Black British	Caribbean	1.3%
	African	4.3%
	Other Black	0.3%
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	Chinese	2.0%
	Other Ethnic Group	2.6%

Source Census 2001

- 1.6 Barnet was ranked 193 out of 354 local authorities in England in the 2004 indices of multiple deprivation (where rank 1 indicates the most and 354 the least deprived). This masks significant pockets of deprivation in the borough, with some areas only just outside the most deprived 10% in the country (refer to Figure 1.4).

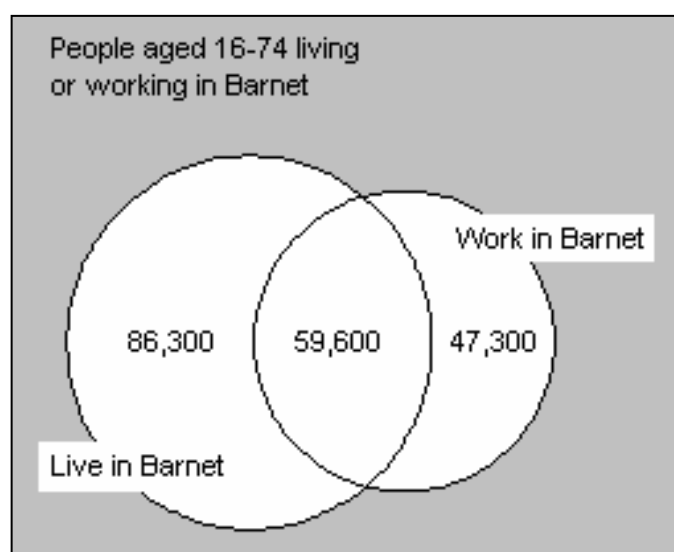
**Figure 1.4 – Indices of multiple deprivation in Barnet**

- 1.7 There is an average of 36 persons per hectare in Barnet, putting Barnet 26th out of 33 London boroughs for population density. At ward level this varies between only 16 persons per hectare in Totteridge and Mill Hill, to 74 persons per hectare in Burnt Oak. There are 2.48 persons per household in Barnet as a whole (including residents of communal establishments). Figures for individual wards vary from 2.25 in East Finchley to 2.83 in Golders Green.

## ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

### Economic Activity

- 1.8 Barnet is a prosperous borough with a thriving local economy. Unemployment is relatively low; of the 228,123 residents aged between 16 and 74, 145,920 are employed either full or part time. There are over 16,000 local employers and about 59,600 residents work within the borough with 86,300 working elsewhere, (refer to Figure 1.5).
- 1.9 In total, 106,906 people work within the borough – about 59,600 borough residents and 47,300 who commute into the borough.

**Figure 1.5 – People aged 16-74 living or working in Barnet**

1.10 Over 12% of the population are self-employed, the highest level of any London borough.

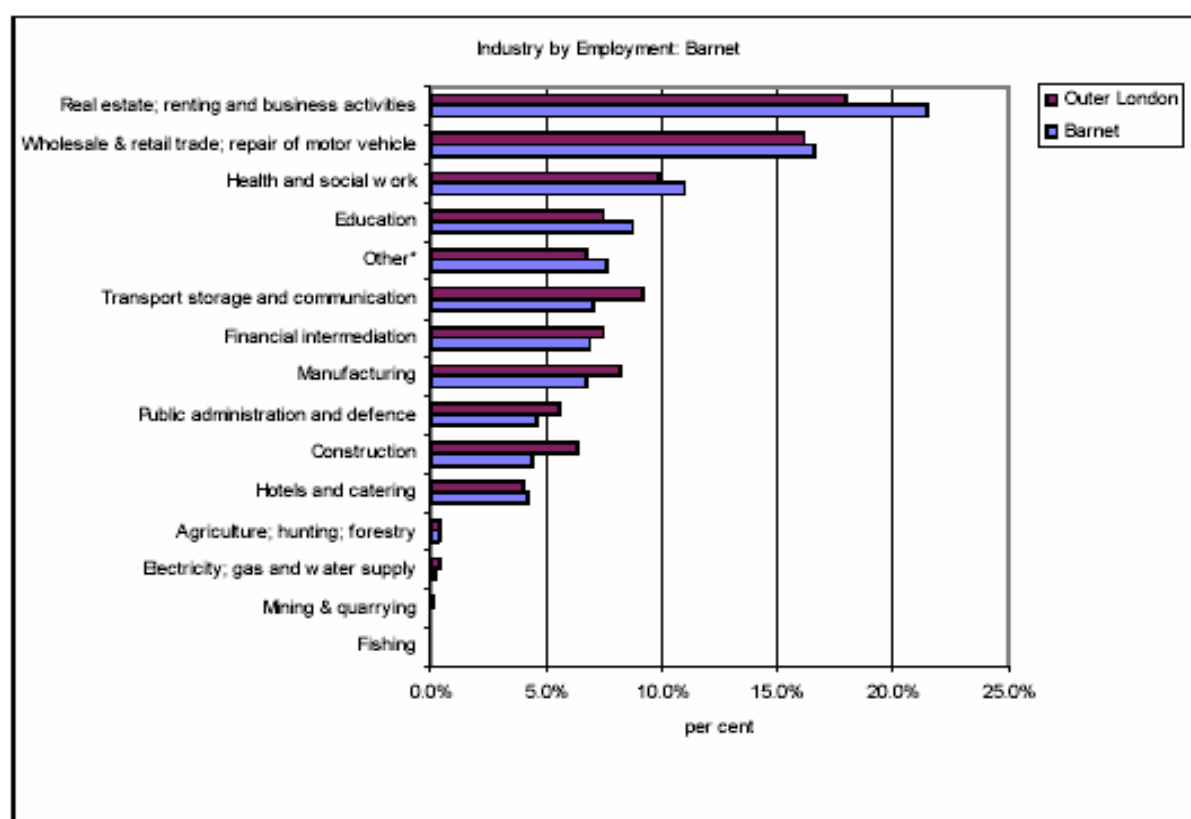
**Table 1.2 - Economic Activity of Barnet Residents**

Percentage of resident population aged 16 to 74	Barnet	Outer London	Greater London	England and Wales
Employed	61.6%	62.1%	60.2%	60.6%
Unemployed	3.4%	3.6%	4.4%	3.4%
Economically active full time students	2.8%	2.8%	3.0%	2.6%
Retired	10.1%	11.1%	9.8%	13.6%
Economically inactive students	7.4%	5.4%	6.5%	4.7%
Looking after home/family	7.5%	7.2%	7.2%	6.5%
Permanently sick or disabled	3.4%	4.0%	4.5%	5.5%
Economically inactive (other)	3.7%	3.6%	4.3%	3.1%

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

## Employment

1.11 The 2001 Census indicates that Barnet's residents work in a range of industries that is fairly typical for Outer London. However there are rather higher proportions of residents working in real estate and business, wholesale and retail trades, health and social work and education, (see Figure 1.6). These are also the four largest industries of employment for Barnet residents.

**Figure 1.6 - Employment of Barnet Residents**

1.12 Employee jobs within the borough (taken from the annual business inquiry employee analysis (2003) which uses a slightly different categorisation) shows that Barnet has higher than average jobs in distribution, hotels & restaurants, and in public administration, education & health compared with London or the UK as a whole, (Table 1.3). Unsurprisingly compared to London as a whole there are relatively fewer jobs in the finance, IT, other business activities, even though many residents work in this sector. These jobs will tend to be concentrated in Central London.

**Table 1.3 - Employee jobs within Barnet**

	Barnet (employee jobs)	Barnet (%)	London (%)	GB (%)
<b>Total employee jobs</b>	106,821	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Full-time</b>	73,500	68.8	74.8	68.1
<b>Part-time</b>	33,312	31.2	25.2	31.9
<b>Manufacturing</b>	3,783	3.5	5.7	12.6
<b>Construction</b>	3,639	3.4	3.2	4.4
<b>Services</b>	99,123	92.8	90.8	81.4
<b>Distribution, hotels &amp; restaurants</b>	33,198	31.1	22.8	24.7
<b>Transport &amp; communications</b>	6,014	5.6	7.7	6.0
<b>Finance, IT, other business activities</b>	25,938	24.3	31.8	19.8
<b>Public admin, education &amp; health</b>	28,795	27.0	21.9	25.8

<b>Other services</b>	5,178	4.8	6.5	5.2
<b>Tourism-related</b>	8,988	8.4	8.6	8.1

Source: annual business inquiry employee analysis (2003)

## Students and Qualifications

- 1.13 As Table 1.4 highlights, Barnet's working age population is amongst the most qualified in the country. Only 14 local authorities have a more qualified population, of which 11 are also in London. Eighty nine percent of 16 and 17 year olds are in education – the second highest proportion in London, and the borough has a high proportion of students generally.
- 1.14 Approximately 48,000 children attend Barnet LEA schools each day. Ninety percent of the primary school population are Barnet residents. However, by the secondary phase, this figure has dropped to 70 per cent. Many of the borough's secondary schools are positioned near the borough boundaries (13 out of 21 being less than a mile distant), many students travel some distance northwards from Haringey, Camden and Islington. Others come west from Enfield and east from Brent. There are also three Voluntary Aided schools in the South of the Borough, whose admissions criteria place proximity lower than 'faith' factors. These schools average 57% of students from outside Barnet. The three Grammar schools attract students from a wide area of Hertfordshire and North London. In addition there are around 30 independent schools within the borough.

**Table 1.4 – Percentage of people with qualifications living in Barnet**

	Qualifications					
	None <sup>1</sup>	Level 1 <sup>2</sup>	Level 2 <sup>3</sup>	Level 3 <sup>4</sup>	Level 4/5 <sup>5</sup>	Other <sup>6</sup>
<b>Barnet</b>	19.60%	11.20%	18.00%	10.80%	35.50%	4.90%
<b>Garden Suburb Ward</b>	9.00%	6.10%	15.40%	12.10%	54.60%	2.80%
<b>Burnt Oak Ward</b>	30.80%	15.20%	18.50%	8.60%	20.90%	6.10%
<b>Outer London</b>	24.40%	15.10%	19.20%	9.40%	26.00%	6.00%
<b>Greater London</b>	23.70%	13.00%	17.10%	9.80%	31.00%	5.40%
<b>England &amp; Wales</b>	29.10%	16.60%	19.40%	8.30%	19.80%	6.90%

<sup>1</sup> **No qualifications:** No formal qualifications held

<sup>2</sup> **NVQ 1 equivalent:** e.g. fewer than 5 GCSEs at grades A-C, foundation GNVQ, NVQ 1, intermediate 1 national qualification (Scotland) or equivalent

<sup>3</sup> **NVQ 2 equivalent:** e.g. 5 or more GCSEs at grades A-C, intermediate GNVQ, NVQ 2, intermediate 2 national qualification (Scotland) or equivalent

<sup>4</sup> **NVQ 3 equivalent:** e.g. 2 or more A levels, advanced GNVQ, NVQ 3, 2 or more higher or advanced higher national qualifications (Scotland) or equivalent

<sup>5</sup> **NVQ 4 equivalent and above:** e.g. HND, Degree and Higher Degree level qualifications or equivalent

<sup>6</sup> **Other qualifications:** includes foreign qualifications and some professional qualifications

Source: 2001 Census, ONS

### Expected population increases

- 1.15 Barnet's population is expected to increase from 314,500 in 2001 to around 360,000 in 2016 and 344,400 by 2011 (GLA scenarion 8.06). In addition to the background level of population growth in the borough, Barnet has a number of large scale regeneration sites that will increase the population significantly.
- 1.16 The GLA have been working on a new set of borough level population projections that have yet to be adopted as part of the London Plan. Barnet's population could rise above the levels assumed when the London Plan and Mayor's Transport Strategy were developed.

**Figure 1.7 – Proposed regeneration schemes in Barnet**

