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|  | Environmental Health Department  Development & Regulatory Services  London Borough Of Barnet  2 Bristol Avenue  Colindale  London  NW9 4EW | |
| Name and Address  of perpetrator |  |  |
| Contact: | Case officer |
| Tel: | 020 8359 xxxx |
| Email: |  |
| Date: |  |
| Our Ref: |  |
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Dear X,

**Re:**

**Environmental Protection Act 1990 Section 80**

**Clean Air Act 1993**

This service has recently been notified of an alleged nuisance caused by a bonfire at the above address.

Bonfires can cause considerable stress and discomfort to residents in nearby properties, due to the smoke, odour and sooty deposits. This is of particular concern while more people are at home with health problems caused by COVID-19.

I strongly suggest that instead of burning it you store your garden waste on your own land until the green bin collections resume. Alternatively, you could consider shredding the garden waste for mulch or composting it. Food waste should be temporarily placed in your mixed waste refuse bin.

Under the Clean Air Act contractors are not permitted to have any bonfires on site.

If this service receives any further complaints of bonfires at your property and we establish that a statutory nuisance does exist, then we will serve an abatement notice requiring you to abate the nuisance and to prevent any recurrence. If you fail to comply with an abatement notice consideration will be given to referring the case for prosecution.

I hope that such extreme action will not be necessary and I do appreciate that these are difficult times for everyone. If you would like to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely,

Case officer

Job title

