

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
22 December 2025
Our ref: 16079644

Thank you for your request received on 1 December 2025, for the following information:

I am writing to make a request for the following information below in this email, to which we are entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information on all Section 38 technical approvals granted from the 1st November 2025 - 30th November 2025. In the interest of protecting our environment, I would like to request that the above information is sent to xxx

This information should be easily accessible, as other Local Authorities have swiftly provided this information. To aid and assist, I have included a template within this email that demonstrates the type of data we require. Please could you provide the data in an excel spreadsheet with the columns outlined below.

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested. However, we believe that the exemptions detailed below apply to all of this information and this is withheld. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

S22 - Material intended for publication

We consider that the qualified exemption set out in Section 22 subsection 2 (Information intended for future publication) applies to the information requested. Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information, this is because we will be publishing this information on a yearly basis on our open data portal - <https://open.barnet.gov.uk/> by May 2026.

In applying this exemption, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the interest in favour of disclosure.

The general argument in favour of releasing information is that there is a public interest in being able to scrutinise aspects of the Local Authorities where that information might be easy to access and will not prejudice the London Borough of Barnet. Against disclosure the argument is the public interest in permitting public authorities to publish information in a manner and form and at a time of their own choosing. It is a part of the effective conduct of public affairs that the general publication of information is a conveniently planned and managed activity within the reasonable control of public authorities. Where the decision has been made in principle to publish, there is a reasonable entitlement to make arrangements to do so. In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

Further information

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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Your rights

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If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.