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NLBP  
10 June 2019  
Our ref: 5305228

Thank you for your request received on 10 May 2019, for the following information:

**I am seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The data I would like to request covers on and off-street car parking where the council is responsible for the issuing of Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs).**

**My request is based on the issue of car cloning ' where criminals use another vehicle's identity/registration plate to disguise the identity of their own.**

**Below I have outlined the data fields I'm interested in and I'd like to request the data for the 12 months from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019. If possible, I'd like the data to be broken down by month-by-month to show:**

- 1) How many PCNs were issued by the council over the past financial year?**
- 2) How many PCNs were cancelled by the council on the grounds the vehicle was cloned over the past financial year?**
- 3) How many PCNs were cancelled by the council on the grounds the vehicle was cloned over the past five years?**

**I would like this information as a data set (ideally Microsoft Excel). If some parts of this request are easier to answer than others, I would ask that you release the available data as soon as possible. If you need any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me. Under Section 16, it is your duty to provide advice and assistance and so I would expect you to contact me if you find this request unmanageable in any way.**

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 consider that the following exemptions apply to some of the information requested. The remaining information is not withheld and is below.

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***1) How many PCNs were issued by the council over the past financial year?***

We consider that the absolute exemption set out in Section 21 (Information accessible by other means) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already reasonably accessible elsewhere.

Please see: <https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/traffic-penalty-charge-notice-dashboards>

***2) How many PCNs were cancelled by the council on the grounds the vehicle was cloned over the past financial year?***

211

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779

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### **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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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.**

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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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.