

18 June 2019
Our ref: 5328429

Thank you for your request received on 20 May 2019, for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your estates department:

*** Commercial Properties currently owned by the council.((Data Quality as of Q1 2019)**

*** Complete Non-Residential / Business Property Rates Data (Data Quality as of Q1 2019)**

- o - Billing Authority Property Reference Code (linking the property to the VOA database reference)**
- o - Firm's Trading Name (i.e. property occupant)**
- o - Full Property Address (Number, Street, Postal Code, Town)**
- o - Occupied / Vacant**
- o - Date of Occupation / Vacancy**
- o - Actual annual rates charged (in Pounds)**

Please provide the information in the form of an Excel workbook.

As we are using this data for commercial use I am looking to acquire additional consent under the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 which we have received from other local councils. Additionally if the data is openly available under the Open Government license can you confirm this through exemption s21 of the freedom of information act as this permits commercial use.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request, my details are outlined below.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

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 some/all the information you requested and so we are withholding that information. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

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*** *Commercial Properties currently owned by the council. (Data Quality as of Q1 2019)***

See Refusal Notice below

This information is available on our Open Barnet data portal using the following links:

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/local-authority-land>

and

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/empty-commercial-properties>

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<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/businessratesregister>

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Terms of re-use are available at www.open.barnet.gov.uk

Refusal Notices

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.

See links provided above

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/>

Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: foi@barnet.gov.uk. Or by post to Information Management Team (FOI) The London Borough of Barnet, North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, London, N11 1NP

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.