Assurance Group
London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
2 August 2019
Our ref: 5461628

Thank you for your request received on 11 July 2019, for the following information:

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act of 2000, and subject to section 40(2) on personal data, could you please provide me with a complete and most up-to-date list of all business (non-residential) property rates data for your local authority, and including the following fields:

- Billing Authority Property Reference Code (linking the property to the VOA database reference)
- Firm's Trading Name (i.e. property occupant)
- Full Property Address (Number, Street, Postal Code, Town)
- Occupied / Vacant
- Date of Occupation
- Small Business Relief Y/N
- Actual annual rates charged (in Pounds)
- Liable From Date
If you are unable to provide an absolute 'Date of Occupation' status, please provide the Exemptions and / or Reliefs that a particular property may be receiving.

Please provide the data as machine-readable as either a CSV or Microsoft Excel file, capable of re-use under terms of the Open Government Licence (meaning reuse for any and all purposes, including commercial).

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 exemptionsdetailed 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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However, we consider that the absolute exemption set out in Section 21 (Information accessible by other means) applies as the information requested is already reasonably accessible elsewhere.

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

https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/businessratesregister - ***this shows occupied properties***

https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/empty-commercial-properties - ***this shows empty properties***

If you do not have access to the internet at home, you may be able to use facilities at your local library.

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

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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

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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) London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

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.