

7 August 2019
Our ref: 5515620

Thank you for your request received on 2 August 2019, for the following information:

I would like to request information relating to speed by which planning applications, submitted to the council between January 2009 and the present, are determined. I would like information relating only to those planning applications made for the construction of residential buildings (i.e. homes, blocks of flats, building which contain residential dwellings) and not applications made to request permission to alter a building or the use of a building.

Specifically, I would like to know the following:

1. How many applications have been made to the council? Please break this data down by year.

2. How many applications did not have a final decision reached within the statutory deadline of 8 weeks (for those applications that fall into that deadline category)? Please break this data down by year.

3. How many applications did not have a final decision reached within the statutory deadline of 13 weeks (for those applications that fall into that deadline category- i.e. more complex/ major projects)? Please break this data down by year.

4. How many applications did not have a final decision reached within the statutory deadline of 8 weeks (for those applications that fall into that deadline category - i.e. those applications that are subject to Environmental Impact Assessments)? Please break this data down by year.

5. How many applications did not have a final decision reached within the government 'planning guarantee' period of 26 weeks?

6. For those applications where a final decision was not determined within the 'planning guarantee' period, please tell me within what period of time a final decision was arrived at. If any applications are still unresolved, please give me the date as to when they were first submitted.

If you would also be able to provide explanatory notes for any parts of the data set which may be unclear I'd be very grateful, though I understand you are not obliged to.

If there is anything unclear in my request please do not hesitate to contact me either over email or by phone. My number is xxxxx

I would prefer to receive the information requested in electronic form.

Thank you in advance for your help.

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested.

However, we consider that the following exceptions apply to some of the information requested. We consider that Regulation 6(1)(b) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already publicly available and easily accessible.

The information you requested is available on our website using the following link -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-planning-application-statistics#local-planning-authority-performance-tables>

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) 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.