

15 August 2019
Our ref: 5486460

Thank you for your request received on 18 July 2019, for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act can you please provide me with the following information:

1. For either street works or road works please state how many times you have fined organisations for overrunning in: (i) 2017/18 (ii) 2018/19 (iii) the current financial year

2. For each incident state: (i) where the works were (ii) who was fined (iii) when they were scheduled to start and finish and (iv) when they actually finished?

3. Since 1.4.2017 which street or road works in your area overran by the longest period? Please state: (i) where the works were (ii) who was fined (iii) when they were scheduled to start and finish and (iv) when they actually finished

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

Response

1. For either street works or road works please state how many times you have fined organisations for overrunning in: (i) 2017/18 (ii) 2018/19 (iii) the current financial year.

Please see the attached spreadsheet titled **Number of S.74 Issued**

For Q2 & Q3, Please refer to the below refusal notice

2. For each incident state: (i) where the works were (ii) who was fined (iii) when they were scheduled to start and finish and (iv) when they actually finished?

Unfortunately to produce the level of detail the requestor has asked for in question 2 would require a significant amount of officer time to extract and analyse.

I estimate this to be in the region of;

673 records to be studied and data transposed to enable analysis at 5 minutes per record = 56 hours of officer time

3. Since 1.4.2017 which street or road works in your area overran by the longest period? Please state: (i) where the works were (ii) who was fined (iii) when they were scheduled to start and finish and (iv) when they actually finished.

Analysis of data to provide the answer to question 3 could only be done after the data has been manipulated as required.

Refusal Notice

Should you wish to obtain data for questions 2 and 3 it is going to be over the chargeable threshold.

We are refusing your request under section 12 because we estimate that compliance with your request will exceed the "appropriate limit" under section 12. The appropriate limit is £450 which is equivalent to 18 hours at £25 per hour. The per hour figure is set by Regulations rather than actual salary paid to any officers handling requests. The appropriate limit includes the time it will take the council to discover if it holds the information requested, to locate it, extract it and collate it as well as putting it into any particular format requested by the requester.

We have calculated that it will take approx 56 hours to comply with your request. Our calculation is as follows:

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Advice and Assistance

Should you wish to re-submit a more refined request, you could reduce the time period from that originally stated.

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.

