

19 August 2019  
Our ref: 5497696

**Thank you for your request received on 22 July 2019, for the following information:**

**I would like to look at how permitted development rights have changed the numbers of people living in either former commercial properties or properties that have been converted from office to residential units.**

**Under the Freedom of information Act I would like to request the following information.**

**1) How many buildings converted under permitted development rights were used by the council to house people in the following financial years 13/14, 14/15, 15/16, 16/17 and 17/18**

**2) What is the total number of units that under permitted development rights have been used by the council to house people in buildings that have been converted from office to residential for each of the following financial years 13/14, 14/15, 15/16, 16/17 and 17/18.**

**3) What is the total number of units that under permitted development rights have been used by the council to house people in buildings that have been converted from commercial to residential properties for each of the following financial years 13/14, 14/15, 15/16, 16/17 and 17/18.**

**4) How many children are currently housed by the council in buildings converted under permitted development rights?**

**5) How many young people are currently housed by the council in building converted under permitted development rights?**

**6) Of the units converted under permitted development rights that the council is currently using to house people - Please could I have a breakdown of the rent nightly/weekly/PCM for each unit**

**Please can you respond to my request within the time limits as set out by the Act.**

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

## **Response**

A list of addresses where buildings where an application has been made for an office to residential conversion for each of the years requested under permitted

development rights and where this has been granted/ refused by the Local Planning Authority is attached.

As we do not have responsibility for housing tenants I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

This information is held by Barnet Homes

Housing services (including homelessness, allocations, housing repairs and so forth) are provided by Barnet Homes who are an Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO) who manage the council's housing stock and associated services on the council's behalf. They are a public authority under Freedom of Information Act 2000 and so you may make a FOI request to them. Their contact details are:

Email: [talk2us@barnethomes.org](mailto:talk2us@barnethomes.org)

Post: The Data Controller

Barnet Homes

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

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

## **Annex A – Making an appeal**

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your information request has been dealt with you can request an internal review by emailing the Council's Data Protection Officer email: [data.protection@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:data.protection@barnet.gov.uk) (Please quote the reference number above) or by writing to:

The Data Protection Officer

Information Management Team

London Borough of Barnet

North London Business Park

Oakleigh Road South

London N11 1NP

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the review you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner, who regulates the implementation of the Data Protection Act 2018. The Commissioner can be contacted at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

website at [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Textphone: 01625 545860

Monday to Friday, 9am to 4:30pm

You can also chat online with an advisor.

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