

23 August 2019
Our ref: 5530916

Thank you for your request received on 29 July 2019, for the following information:

I wanted to source the information below regarding planning permission.

If you need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks in advance for your assistance,

Reason for objection	2018	2019
Loss of light or overshadowing		
Overlooking/loss of privacy		
Visual amenity (but not loss of private view)		
Adequacy of parking/loading/turning		
Highway safety		
Traffic generation		
Noise and disturbance resulting from use		
Hazardous materials		
Smells		
Loss of trees		
Effect on listed building and conservation area		
Layout and density of building		
Design, appearance and materials		
Landscaping		
Road access		
Local, strategic, regional and national planning policies		
Government circulars, orders and statutory instruments		
Disabled persons' access		
Compensation and awards of costs against the Council at public enquiries		
Proposals in the Development Plan		
Previous planning decisions (including appeal decisions)		

Nature conservation
 Archaeology
 Solar panels
 Other

Q2. Please state the types of developments residents objected to by the following categories:

	2016/17	2018/19	2018/19
Building of new housing			
Extensions of existing houses			
Building of commercial premises			
Building of wind turbines			
Creation of landfill sites and waste industries			
Building of hotels			
Building of Power Plants			
Building of Hospitals			
Building of Car parks			
Building / extensions of Train/tram lines			
Building / extensions of Airports and runways			
Building of Nightlife venues (e.g. Clubs/bars)			
Other planning permission complaint			

Q3. Of these complaints, please state how many led to the following actions being carried out:

	20117	2018	20119
Demolition			
Revision of planning application			
Certificate of lawfulness			
Negotiated remedial works/ enforcement notice			
Development stop notice			
Fines/compensation			
No action			

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.

Refusal Notice

R6(1) (b) the request for information is manifestly unreasonable

We consider that Regulation 6(1)(b) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already publicly available and easily accessible.

Some of the information you requested is available on our website using the following link <https://publicaccess.barnet.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

R12(4) (b) the request for information is manifestly unreasonable

Regulation 12(4)(b) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 provides an exception to the disclosure of information in situations where the request is manifestly unreasonable. This exception may be invoked where the request places a substantial and unreasonable cost or burden of dealing with it. Information. The purpose of the exception is to protect public authorities from exposure to a disproportionate burden or an unjustified level of distress, disruption or irritation, in handling information requests.

This is a qualified exception under EIR which means that consideration must also be given to whether in all the circumstances of the case the public interest favouring disclosure is greater than the public interest in maintaining the exemption. The public interest means what is in the best interests to the public.

Public interest test considerations

I have considered whether the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information requested. There are a number of public interest arguments that weigh in favour of disclosing the information you have sought:

- The general proposition of maximising openness to which the EIR and the Council aspire ;
- The benefits of ensuring transparent and accountable government

However, there are also public interest arguments against disclosure:

- Each record would need to be accessed individually and data collated and this would take well in excess of 18 hours to complete
- It does not represent a cost effective use of the Council's resources.
- The diversion of resources that will be necessary in providing the information requested negatively impact on its ability to deliver its core functions

The Council considers that the public interest in withholding the requested information outweighs the public interest test in disclosure of the requested information.

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

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.