



Assurance Group
London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
4 October 2019
Our ref: 5504656

Thank you for your request received on 30 July 2019, for the following information:

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1) In the calendar year of 2018 how much has the council spent cleaning up council owned land following the eviction of an illegal traveller camp

a) Please may this be divided by site address, how long each site was occupied for and the cost site per site

2) In the calendar year of 2018 how much has the council spent on legal fees to evict illegal traveller camps

a) Please may this be divided by site address, how long each site was occupied for and the cost per site

3) In the calendar year of 2017 how much has the council spent cleaning up council owned land following the eviction of an illegal traveller camp

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4) In the calendar year of 2017 how much has the council spent on legal fees to evict illegal traveller camps

a) Please may this be divided by site address, how long each site was occupied for and the cost per site

5) In the calendar year of 2016 how much has the council spent cleaning up council owned land following the eviction of an illegal traveller

a) Please may this be divided by site address, how long each site was occupied for and the cost site per site

6) In the calendar year of 2016 how much has the council spent on legal fees to evict illegal traveller camps

a) Please may this be divided by site address, how long each site was occupied for and the cost site per site

7) In the calendar year of 2015 how much has the council spent cleaning up council owned land following the eviction of an illegal traveller

a) Please may this be divided by site address, how long each site was occupied for and the cost site per site

8) In the calendar year of 2015 how much has the council spent on legal fees to evict illegal traveller camps

b) Please may this be divided by site address, how long each site was occupied for and the cost site per site

Response

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Information on costs cannot be separately identified but it is known that it cost £20,700 to remove fly tipping from Copthall Playing Fields following an incursion in 2017/18. See Refusal Notice below.

2) In the calendar year of 2018 how much has the council spent on legal fees to evict illegal traveller camps a) Please may this be divided by site address, how long each site was occupied for and the cost per site

See attached spreadsheet for sites and Refusal Notice below for costs.

3) In the calendar year of 2017 how much has the council spent cleaning up council owned land following the eviction of an illegal traveller camp

a) Please may this be divided by site address, how long each site was occupied for and the cost site per site

See attached spreadsheet for sites. The clean up costs cannot be identified as they are part of an overall expenditure.

4) In the calendar year of 2017 how much has the council spent on legal fees to evict illegal traveller camps

a) Please may this be divided by site address, how long each site was occupied for and the cost per site

See attached spreadsheet for site addresses but Refusal Notice for legal costs below.

5) In the calendar year of 2016 how much has the council spent cleaning up council owned land following the eviction of an illegal traveller a) Please may this be divided by site address, how long each site was occupied for and the cost site per site

Not held

6) In the calendar year of 2016 how much has the council spent on legal fees to evict illegal traveller camps a) Please may this be divided by site address, how long each site was occupied for and the cost site per site

Not held

7) In the calendar year of 2015 how much has the council spent cleaning up council owned land following the eviction of an illegal traveller a) Please may this be divided by site address, how long each site was occupied for and the cost site per site

Not held

8) In the calendar year of 2015 how much has the council spent on legal fees to evict illegal traveller camps b) Please may this be divided by site address, how long each site was occupied for and the cost site per site

Not held

Refusal Notice

We are refusing part of your request (how long each site was occupied for and the cost per site) 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 23 plus hours to comply with your request for information about legal costs for how long each site was occupied for and the cost per site. Our calculation is as follows:

93 cases since January 2017 x 15 mins each= 23 plus hours.

Advice and Assistance

Reduce the period for checking for legal costs per site.

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.