



London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
3 December 2019
Our ref: 5767568

Thank you for your request received on 5 November 2019, for the following information:

Information requested:

Please note this request relates to all residential buildings within the local authority area. The fact that the local authority does not own housing stock is therefore not a relevant reason to refuse to respond or to provide a nil response. I am also not asking for individual buildings to be identified, therefore an exemption on public safety grounds would not stand. This line of argument has been tested on appeal in previous requests.

On July 18, the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government wrote to all local authorities in England requiring them to begin gathering data about tower blocks in their area (residential buildings above 18m) and the materials used in the external wall. The letter is published here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/817811/Letter_to_Local_Authorities_18_July.pdf

With this in mind, please provide the following information:

- 1. The number of high rise buildings so far identified in your local authority area (please indicate whether this is a final number, or if the data is still being gathered)**
- 2. The number of the buildings from (1) where the materials used in the external wall cannot be, or has not yet been, identified**
- 3. The number of the buildings from (1) where aluminium composite material (ACM) has been identified on the building (whether as part of a cladding system or otherwise)**
- 4. The number of the buildings from (1) where high pressure laminate material has been identified on the building (whether as part of a cladding system or otherwise)**
- 5. The number of the buildings from (1) where timber cladding has been identified on the building (whether as part of a cladding system or otherwise)**
- 6. The number of the buildings from (1) where combustible insulation, including but not limited to polystyrene, polyisocyanurate and phenolic foam has been identified on the building (whether as part of a cladding system or otherwise)**

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. The remaining information is not withheld and is below/attached.

Q1 The number of high rise buildings so far identified in your local authority area (please indicate whether this is a final number, or if the data is still being gathered)

There are 31 high rise buildings in our management (final number)

Q2. The number of the buildings from (1) where the materials used in the external wall cannot be, or has not yet been, identified:

All external wall materials identified

Q3. The number of the buildings from (1) where aluminium composite material (ACM) has been identified on the building (whether as part of a cladding system or otherwise)

There were 3 blocks that were previously clad with ACM. These were stripped in 2017 and re-clad in 2018 with compliant materials

Q4. The number of the buildings from (1) where high pressure laminate material has been identified on the building (whether as part of a cladding system or otherwise)

There are three buildings with HPL cladding. All have been tested and declared acceptable with classification B s1 d0. All three blocks are due for demolition as part of a regeneration project in 2022.

Q5. The number of the buildings from (1) where timber cladding has been identified on the building (whether as part of a cladding system or otherwise)

No high rise blocks in our management have timber façade or cladding

Q6. The number of the buildings from (1) where combustible insulation, including but not limited to polystyrene, polyisocyanurate and phenolic foam has been identified on the building (whether as part of a cladding system or otherwise)

There are two buildings that have phenolic foam mechanically face fixed direct to the concrete structure and finished with non-combustible cement render. The Windows do not bridge the insulation .

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.