

22 November 2019 Our ref: 5748872

Thank you for your request received on 25 October 2019, for the following information:

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Under the Freedom of Information Act perhaps you could let me know how many (not their names as might be confidential) residents have had problems with the current situation.

To be perfectly frank, it seems as if this is a cynical attempt to force permits on people. I have no objection to permits but when you quote £800pa for a business permit, that is a step too far. It seems as if the only way to force people is to restrict and restrict until there is no way to avoid payment. That is simply not right especially as offices pay far more Rates than householders. They need a break

Please let me know in particular under the FOI request above

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

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A consultation took place following an application for a vehicle crossover in The vale. During this consultation there was 2 respondents raising objections due to the loss of parking, and requesting the number of bays be increased to offset the loss.

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. <u>http://open.barnet.gov.uk/</u>

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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.