

20 December 2019

Our ref: 5821532

Thank you for your request received on 21 November 2019, for the following information:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For 2019 please send me:

- 1. A list of high rise building* planning applications submitted to the council with the intended purpose of student housing (excel spreadsheet)***
- 2. The planning application submitted to the council for each high rise building* intended for student housing (.pdf format)***

For 2018 please send me:

- 3. A list of high rise building* planning applications submitted to the council with the intended purpose of student housing (excel spreadsheet)***
- 4. The planning application submitted to the council for each high rise building* intended for student housing (.pdf format)***

For 2017 please send me:

- 5. A list of high rise building* planning applications submitted to the council with the intended purpose of student housing (excel spreadsheet)***
- 6. The planning application submitted to the council for each high rise building* intended for student housing (.pdf format)***

****Please note, a high rise building refers to any building five stories or above.***

I would like the above information to be provided to me electronically in their specified formats. If this request is too broad I would ask that you respond to whatever you can within the appropriate limits, with a priority placed upon 2019 followed by 2018 and 2017. If time or cost limits are reached please let me know

If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary. I would like to remind you of your duty under section 16 of the Freedom of Information act to offer such advice and assistance on a request if necessary.

If the release of any of this information is prohibited on the grounds of breach of confidence, I ask that you supply me with copies of the confidentiality agreement and remind you that information should not be treated as confidential if such an agreement has not been signed.

I understand that you are required to respond to my request within the 20 working days after you receive this letter. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request.

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.

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

The information you requested is available on our website using the following link

<https://publicaccess.barnet.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=advanced>

If you do not have access to the internet at home, you may be able to use facilities at your local library.

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/>

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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.