



London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale,  
London NW9 4EW  
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Our ref: 5931564

Thank you for your request received on 6 January 2020, for the following information:

**Under FOI, I want to know how much public money has been paid to the Comer Group to rent their lands at North London Business Park to accommodate the various Social Care Teams.**

**I also want to know how many years this arrangement has been in place and when there was a rent review.**

**Also, please advise on how many parking spaces were purchased by Barnet from the Comer Group and on what basis these are issued to staff working for Barnet at this site.**

**I also want to know why Barnet allow the Comer Group to fine staff who are on site in the course of their work.**

**Further, how many parking fines have been issued to staff whilst parked on this site and how many parking fines have been issued to staff whilst parked on the main road (Oakleigh) and the surrounding areas?**

**Who handles incoming external post at this site for Barnet council staff?**

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

## **Response**

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested.

However, we consider that the following exemptions apply to some of the information requested. The remaining information is not withheld and is below.

***Under FOI, I want to know how much public money has been paid to the Comer Group to rent their lands at North London Business Park to accommodate the various Social Care Teams.***

The rent from three leases granted in 2007 and 2008 – and all due to expire in June 2020. LBB have paid a total of £9,123,531 in rent.

***I also want to know how many years this arrangement has been in place and when there was a rent review.***

From 2007/2008 Rent Review was in 2014/2015. See attached Delegated Powers Report No. 1845

***Also, please advise on how many parking spaces were purchased by Barnet from the Comer Group***

There are 153 Spaces. None have been purchased for Social Care teams, as there are currently sufficient parking spaces as part of current lease

***And on what basis these are issued to staff working for Barnet at this site.***

First come first served basis.

***I also want to know why Barnet allow the Comer Group to fine staff who are on site in the course of their work.***

Comer will issue fines to vehicles not displaying a valid permit or parked in the incorrect spaces, If you believe you have been issued a penalty notice unfairly then it is upon the person who has received the penalty to appeal.

***Further, how many parking fines have been issued to staff whilst parked on this site Comer manage their carpark we do not hold this information and how many parking fines have been issued to staff whilst parked on the main road (Oakleigh) and the surrounding areas namely Oakleigh South, Brunswick Park Road over the past 2 years***

London Borough of Barnet does not enforce Parking Contraventions on private land; North London Business Park.

Data is not recorded on regarding whether Penalty Charge notice has been issued to an employee. No dataset exists to record this information.

***Who handles incoming external post at this site for Barnet council staff?***

Post is sent to our main mail room at Colindale, then distribute to the teams at North London Borough Park.

## **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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