

20 January 2020

Our ref: 5957864

Thank you for your request received on 10 January 2020, for the following information:

I am writing to make a request for all the information relating to the questions below to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. The number of applications the council/authority has received for developments under permitted development rights for a change of use of premises from a B1(a) office use to C3 residential use in each of the following years: (i) 2015, (ii) 2016, (iii) 2017, (iv) 2018, (v) 2019.

2. Of the applications the council/authority received to change of use of premises from a B1(a) office use to C3 residential use, what number were approved in each of the following years: (i) 2015, (ii) 2016, (iii) 2017, (iv) 2018, (v) 2019?

3. Of the applications the council / authority received to change of use of premises from a B1(a) office use to C3 residential use, what number were rejected in each of the following years: (i) 2015, (ii) 2016, (iii) 2017, (iv) 2018, (v) 2019?

4. The breakdown of the reasons permission was rejected on the grounds of (i) flooding, (ii) contamination, (iii) highways and transport issues (iv) impacts of noise from commercial premises on the intended occupiers of the development.

I would like the above information to be provided to me in electronic format.

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 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 are withholding some of that information since we consider that the following exceptions apply to it.

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 www.barnet.gov.uk using the following link:

<https://publicaccess.barnet.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Using the link above: **Click on the Advanced search**

Enter the description keyword using the term **'B1 or C3'** by ward

Enter the required dates

This will produce the information you have requested

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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Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.