

London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW 23 January 2020 Our ref: 5936864

Thank you for your request received on 17 December 2019, for the following information:

I have now considered the response to (ref: 5775768) and although I understand the properties are managed by Barnet Homes, I would like to know if Barnet Council hold the freehold for these properties and lease them to Barnet Homes on a long lease (potentially 900 years+)? I would assume that Barnet Homes then lease the properties to third party leaseholders?

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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The attached two spreadhseets contain the following:

- Residential properties held by LB Barnet that contain units let on long lease to tenants; and
- Residential properties held by LB Barnet that are let on monthly or annual tenancies to Council tenants.

We do not have a breakdown that shows whether these properties are held on a freehold or long-leasehold basis, but most of them are held on a freehold basis.

Barnet Homes manages the residential portfolio but does not hold a property interest in the properties, i.e. their ownership rests with LB Barnet and they are not let on lease to Barnet Homes.

Further information

Barnet Homes holds the register of the portfolio. The London Borough of Barnet does not hold this information.

Please make your request direct to Barnet Homes.

Housing services (including homelessness, allocations, housing repairs and so forth) are provided by Barnet Homes who are an Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO) who manage the council's housing stock and associated services on the council's behalf. They are a public authority under Freedom of Information Act 2000 and so you may make a FOI request to them. Their contact details are:

Email: talk2us@barnethomes.org

Post: The Data Controller

Barnet Homes

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Colindale,

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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.