

3 February 2020
Our ref: 5924964

Thank you for your request received on 2 January 2020, for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information regarding Community Protection Notices (CPNs) and Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs):

- 1) The number of CPN warnings issued from October 2018 - December 2019;**
- 2) The number of CPNs issued from October 2018 - December 2019;**
- 3) Brief details of the circumstances/ reasons why each of the CPN warnings and CPNs were issued;**
- 4) The number of breaches of those CPNs;**
- 5) The number of fines/Fixed Penalty Notices imposed for failure to comply with those CPNs;**
- 6) Details of the fines imposed/other court orders made for failure to comply with those CPNs;**
- 7) The number of PSPOs issued from January 2019 - December 2019, and those in consideration for the future;**
- 8) The detrimental activity that those PSPOs sought to target;**
- 9) The number of fines/Fixed Penalty Notices issued for breach of those PSPOs;**
- 10) Details of the fines imposed for failure to comply with those PSPOs;**
- 11) If the council is using private contractors to enforce PSPOs: stating the company and relevant PSPO, as well as whether there is a financial incentive to issue fines.**

If you are unable to provide details behind each individual CPN warning, CPN and PSPO due to exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, please place the circumstances of each under broad categories such as 'allowing dog to escape/severely overgrown garden/putting up tents,' alongside the number issued for that offence.

If it is not possible to provide all the information requested due to the request exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please answer as many of the questions as is possible (prioritising 1-3, 5 and 7-9) within the time limits, or advise me as to how I can refine my request.

If you hold no record of CPN warnings, CPNs or PSPOs being issued in your local authority area, or if none have been issued, please respond to this FOI request accordingly.

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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information regarding Community Protection Notices (CPNs) and Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs):

1) The number of CPN warnings issued from October 2018 - December 2019;
35

2) The number of CPNs issued from October 2018 - December 2019;
2

3) Brief details of the circumstances/ reasons why each of the CPN warnings and CPNs were issued;

General ASB linked to neighbour disputes and low level nuisance

Environmental waste ASB including a failure to clear land of fly tipped waste

Noise nuisance ASB

Neighbour related ASB

Begging related ASB

Unauthorised encampments – prevention of fly tipping and ASB

Unauthorised street based commercial vehicle repairs

4) The number of breaches of those CPNs;
1 (which is currently being dealt with).

5) The number of fines/Fixed Penalty Notices imposed for failure to comply with those CPNs;
0

6) Details of the fines imposed/other court orders made for failure to comply with those CPNs;
0

7) The number of PSPOs issued from January 2019 - December 2019, and those in consideration for the future;

2 – see our website (5 in total) <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/pspo>

8) The detrimental activity that those PSPOs sought to target;

Street drinking (x4)

Dog control

9) The number of fines/Fixed Penalty Notices issued for breach of those PSPOs;

78

10) Details of the fines imposed for failure to comply with those PSPOs;

78 Fixed Penalty Notices

11) If the council is using private contractors to enforce PSPOs: stating the company and relevant PSPO, as well as whether there is a financial incentive to issue fines.

Yes, Kingdom Services Group (now Local Authority Services) are the Council's contractor for environmental enforcement. There are no financial incentives in place for this contract. The contract allows the contractor to retain 70% of any fines paid to meet the operating cost of the services and the Council retains 30% of any fines paid to be reinvested by the council into tackling anti-social behaviour environmental crime.

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/>

Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: foi@barnet.gov.uk. Or by post to Information Management Team (FOI) London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

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.