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NLBP
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Our ref: 5984565

Thank you for your request received on 13 January 2020, for the following information:

- 1. Can you please tell me how many zero emissions resident parking permits were issued since this new rate was introduced?**
- 2. Can you please tell me if there was an expected number of these?**
- 3. How many complaints were made, since the decision to charge electric cars was made, about charging electric cars for parking? (I believe the change was implemented in 2018?)**
- 4. What, if any, plans have been made up for expected numbers of zero emission parking permits to be issued per year?**
- 5. What, if any, official justification is there for charging for electric cars, bearing in mind that Barnet is committed to encouraging electric cars? If none, please state so.**

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

Response

- 1. Can you please tell me how many zero emissions resident parking permits were issued since this new rate was introduced?**

The Council moved to a new permit system in September 2019. Since then, 190 zero emission permits have been issued. Prior to September 2019, information is not held in a readily available format and would require a manual check of each individual permit issued from May 2018 which is the date when the charges came into effect, and September 2019.

There are 26523 resident permit records for this period. To provide the requested information, each record would need to be manually checked and the vehicle details then checked against the DVLA database to determine whether the vehicle is a zero emissions (electric) vehicle.

We are refusing your request under section 12 because we estimate that compliance with your request will exceed the "appropriate limit" under section 12. The appropriate limit is £450 which is equivalent to 18 hours at £25 per hour. The per hour figure is set by Regulations rather than actual salary paid to any officers handling requests. The appropriate limit includes the time it will take the council to discover if it holds the information requested,

to locate it, extract it and collate it as well as putting it into any particular format requested by the requester.

This would take longer than the 18 hours of officer time provided for under the FOI Act. A calculation is shown below of the estimated time required.

26523 permit records x 3 minutes to check each record, check vehicle against DVLA database, record emissions rating = 79569 minutes which is 1326 hours.

2. Can you please tell me if there was an expected number of these?

There was no expected number of zero emission resident parking permits.

3. How many complaints were made, since the decision to charge electric cars was made, about charging electric cars for parking? (I believe the change was implemented in 2018?)

There have been no complaints made.

4. What, if any, plans have been made up for expected numbers of zero emission parking permits to be issued per year?

There are no expected numbers of zero emission resident parking permits.

5. What, if any, official justification is there for charging for electric cars, bearing in mind that Barnet is committed to encouraging electric cars? If none, please state so.

Please refer to the published committee item number 9 (Fees and Charges) which introduced the zero emission parking permit rate charges -

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=695&MId=9221>

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