

Assurance Group London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW 4 June 2020 Our ref: 6326552

Thank you for your request received on 26 May 2020, for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Could you tell me whether breweries are eligible to access the Covid-19 support for businesses operating in the retail, leisure and hospitality sectors through your council -- specifically the £25,000 grant, provided they meet the requirements of having a rateable value of less than £51,000, and the year-long business rates exemption.

If only some and not all breweries are eligible for this support, please could you outline the conditions under which a brewery is eligible.

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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Commercial properties used as a brewery would not be automatically be identified as eligible for the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund as they do not qualify for the Retail Discount. However, the Council will review awarding the relief if evidence is supplied which substantiates the business also offers the sale of retail goods to visiting members of the public.

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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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.