



London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale,  
London NW9 4EW  
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Our ref: 6366452

Thank you for your request received on 15 June 2020, for the following information:

- 1. When was the last time (if ever) the council undertook a review of statues, plaques and public monuments in your area, with the purpose of deciding whether any ought to be removed from public display?**
- 2. Since 7 June 2020, has your council committed to a review of statues, plaques and public monuments in your area, with the purpose of deciding whether any ought to be removed from public display?**
- 3. Did your council remove any statues, plaques or public monuments from public display in the calendar year 2019? If so, please state which pieces were removed, when, and for what reason.**
- 4. Did your council receive any requests to remove any statues, plaques or public monuments from public display in the calendar year of 2019, on the grounds that they commemorate figures with links to slavery and/or colonialism? If so, please specify the statues/plaques/public monuments in question, and the number of representations each received.**
- 5. If your answer to 4) is 'yes' - have any statues, plaques or public monuments been removed from public display as a result of such public requests/complaints? If so, please specify the statues/plaques/public monuments in question.**

**If this request is too large to fulfil under the terms of the FOI Act, please refine my request to 1) 2) and 3). I am happy to receive these responses in a digital format.**

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

- 1. When was the last time (if ever) the council undertook a review of statues, plaques and public monuments in your area, with the purpose of deciding whether any ought to be removed from public display?***

This has never taken place as a planned piece of work, however the council has always been open to consider representations from members of the public.

**2. Since 7 June 2020, has your council committed to a review of statues, plaques and public monuments in your area, with the purpose of deciding whether any ought to be removed from public display?**

Yes and an initial review has taken place and a more detailed review is underway

**3. Did your council remove any statues, plaques or public monuments from public display in the calendar year 2019? If so, please state which pieces were removed, when, and for what reason.**

None have been removed

**4. Did your council receive any requests to remove any statues, plaques or public monuments from public display in the calendar year of 2019, on the grounds that they commemorate figures with links to slavery and/or colonialism? If so, please specify the statues/plaques/public monuments in question, and the number of representations each received.**

No such requests have been received

**5. If your answer to 4) is 'yes' - have any statues, plaques or public monuments been removed from public display as a result of such public requests/complaints? If so, please specify the statues/plaques/public monuments in question.**

N/A

## **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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