



Assurance Group
London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
19 August 2020
Our ref: 6469272

Thank you for your request received on 29 July 2020, for the following information:

I am writing with a Freedom of Information Request regarding the number of new homes delivered within Barnet vs the targets set by GLA for the period 2016-2041, for the Market Housing type, broken down by year and number of bedrooms. My request (obviously) only covers the period 2016 to date. The council's Draft Housing Report from October 2018 sets out a table for the GLA targets for Market Housing for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5+ Bedroom dwellings which I have reproduced in the attached spreadsheet. I would be obliged if you could provide the data for cells E3 to I7 inclusive, please.

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested. We are currently gathering completion data for 2019/20 so do not have a full dataset for 2019/20 or 2020/21 just yet. This will be published in due course, please see formal refusal notice below. The remaining information is not withheld and is attached.

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We consider that regulation 12 (4) (d) (In course of completion, unfinished or incomplete) applies to the information requested because we consider that the request relates to material which is still in the course of completion, to unfinished documents or to incomplete data.

In applying this exemption, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the interest in favour of disclosure.

Factors in favour of disclosure

- The council's commitment in transparency
- Legitimate public interest in the number of new homes built

Factors in favour of withholding

- The information is in the course of being compiled and is not yet available
- An ad-hoc release of information is wasteful of council resources especially at a time of a national health emergency when councils services are not fully back to business as usual

In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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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