

27 August 2020  
Our ref: 6509600

Thank you for your request received on 17 August 2020, for the following information:

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**I would also be grateful to understand whether there is a map-based data record of TPO's within LB Barnet where it is possible to search by location? The list I have found on Barnet's website contains 9484 entries and I have not found a way to narrow the search - your suggestions would be helpful in this regard.**

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.

However, we consider that the following exceptions apply to some of the information requested. We consider that Regulation 6(1)(b) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already publicly available and easily accessible.

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We can confirm that we have received two recent status check enquiries about 92 Hadley Road, Barnet, EN5 5QR. A response was sent to one of these on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020. The second enquiry (received later) will be responded to in due course. Unfortunately, at present response times have been affected by staff absence, procedural changes and IT constraints due to Covid-19, as well as an unusually high number of such requests recently. We are working through the backlog as quickly as possible and apologise for any delay in response time as well as any inconvenience this may cause. We also thank customers for their patience at this time.

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Barnet Council does not have a corporate publicly available GIS system. However, as you appear to be aware the Council does publish TPO Schedule Item data, which may be downloaded from:

Open Barnet Portal - <https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/tree-preservation-orders-within-the-london-borough-of-barnet>

You will need a GIS system (into which the dataset can be downloaded) to be able to access the TPO information spatially - otherwise it is shown as spreadsheet, with the addresses/situation cited on the Order when made (which may subsequently have been changed).

As advised on the Open Barnet website the "spreadsheet" is a dataset containing "*polygons for Tree Preservation Order Schedule Items within the London Borough of Barnet*" and should be read with an appropriate GIS program – which would enable you to view the location and extent of the individually, group, area and woodland designated Tree Preservation Orders in the Borough in their current context. As you are aware you would not be able to accurately identify designated protected trees from textual data alone in the absence of the relevant spatial mapping and the Open Barnet website is caveated accordingly.

### **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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