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Our ref: 6487836

Thank you for your request received on 10 August 2020, for the following information:

I would like to have a list of all A1 and A2 vacant shops. Please provide the following information for each:

- **Street address, town, post code.**
- **Size of the premises (in square feet or square metres).**
- **Number of storeys in the building in commercial use.**
- **Name and address of the owner (freehold) of each premises.**
- **Any planning permission or permitted development applications made on each premises.**

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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A list of unoccupied commercial properties can be located here:

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/empty-commercial-properties>

Please note that this does not list out properties by Use Class A1/A2.

To do this check the planning permission granted for each property at

<https://publicaccess.barnet.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=advanced>

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- ***Size of the premises (in square feet or square metres).***
- ***Number of storeys in the building in commercial use.***

https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/business-rates-find/search?_ga=2.133580686.162201564.1599498311-1452642714.1585133709

- Name and address of the owner (freehold) of each premises.

<https://www.gov.uk/search-property-information-land-registry>

- Any planning permission or permitted development applications made on each premises.

All the information planning hold is available online, please search using the advanced search facility:

<https://publicaccess.barnet.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=advanced>

Add the either A1 or A2 in to the description and the desired dates and search. This is the only way we can identify the use class that was applied for and answer the street address, size of premises, number of storey's with permission for commercial use, the name of the applicant or agent (not necessarily the owner) and the type of permission. Planning Team wouldn't know if the shop was vacant unfortunately.

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

For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

Your rights

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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.