



7 October 2020  
Our ref: 6603928

Thank you for your request received on 16 September 2020, for the following information:

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from whomever deals with local authority search (also known as local land charges search) enquiries from solicitors, as part of the conveyancing process.**

**Could you please provide the following information:**

**1. Your current waiting/turnaround time for a local authority search (also known as local land charges search) enquiry to be completed.**

**If feasible, we would like a waiting time for each type of search (LLC1, CON29, CON290). If this is not possible, a waiting time for all search types is fine.**

**2. Data on how many of these searches you completed in these months:**

**\* August 2018**

**\* August 2019**

**\* August 2020**

**In this instance, we only need one total search figure per month stated (not figures for LLC1, CON29, CON290). If historic data is not available, then a figure just for August 2020 is fine.**

**Please provide the information via email (responding to this address).**

**If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.**

**If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request, my details are outlined below.**

**Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.**

**We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

## **Response**

**The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below**

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Our current turn-around time is approx. 7 working days

August 2020 search number is 362

**2. Data on how many of these searches you completed in these months:**

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**\* August 2020**

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Our current turn-around time is approx. 7 working days

August 2018 search number is 354

August 2019 search number is 328

August 2020 search number is 362

## **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/>

## **Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing**

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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](http://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.**

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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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.