



London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
4 January 2021
Our ref: 6894720

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

To whom it may concern,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would be grateful if you could please supply me with the following information in the most accessible format in which you hold this information, i.e. days, weeks or months:

The number of electric car charging points that have been installed for the years 2018-2019, and 2019 to 2020 inclusive

In requesting this information, I believe:

There is a strong public interest in releasing this information since it will promote both greater transparency in government, and more importantly, greater accountability for those who hold public office. To the best of my understanding, the information I am looking for is not accessible by any other means.

I do not believe that any of the information I have requested is exempt from disclosure as a result of the exemption provided by section 43 of the Act, however if you believe that parts of the information I am requesting would fall under this exemption, I would ask that you redact the relevant sections and release the documents in their entirety. For example, if the identification of a supplier which may result from disclosing invoices received would prejudice that company's interests, then I would request that you redact the details of the supplier from the documents released.

Additionally, I understand that Exemptions on the 'information being provided in confidence' do not apply. The Information Commissioner advises, "information which is protected from disclosure by an obligation of confidence must have the necessary 'quality of confidence'" (Freedom of Information Act Awareness Guidance No 2). Where it is considered that under the FOI Act certain parts of documents requested breach confidentiality issues, I would request that these sections be redacted and the documents be released in their entirety. Redacting personal information is a common practice - It is not acceptable to refuse to release a document simply because it contains elements of personal information that could be redacted.

I am not requesting personal information. Where necessary personal details may be redacted from any documents that you release. Redacting personal information is a common practice - It is not acceptable to refuse to release a document simply because it contains elements of personal information that could be redacted.

Further to section 16 of the FOI Act (duty to provide advice and assistance), if you have any queries relating to these requests or need clarification on any issue, I would be grateful if you could contact me

I would like to request that any refusal to any part of the above requests (including on cost grounds) be accompanied by a recommendation of how the request may be modified so as to be granted.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this email and provide me with FOI reference number(s) as soon as possible.

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

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We have installed 72 lamp column charge points based on resident requests, 4 car park charge points, and community hubs located at New Barnet and Copthall Leisure Centres. An overview can be found here: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/roads-and-pavements/electric-vehicles-barnet>

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

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

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

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: foi@barnet.gov.uk. Or by post to Information Management Team (FOI) London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

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.