



RE Highways Network Management,
Colindale Offices,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW
19 February 2021
Our ref: 6956144

Thank you for your request received on 22 January 2021, for the following information:

I am making a formal request for information that i consider is held by Barnet Council in regards to the objections raised by Residents of Bedford Rd N2 following the above mentioned application/consultation for a disabled bay outside 33 Bedford Rd N2 9DB

I understand that the Freedom of Information Act 2000 entitles any person to submit a request to a public authority for the information that is held, i.e. recorded ,by that authority. Under section 8 (1) (c) of the Act.

We therefore seek the following information:

How many objections were received

A copy of all comments given for every single objection that was raised against this application, with exact wording given.

Scanned copies of the entire document containing the exact comments that were made for every objection

date received for each

who were objections made by ie name of objector

property numbers of residents who objected

email of objector.

**In addition to the above we seek information made for
Any anonymous objections received with full exact comments left and date.**

I hope this request clearly defines the description of the information that is being requested by us.

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

How many objections were received

A copy of all comments given for every single objection that was raised against this application, with exact wording given.

This information is not currently available. Officers are analysing the results and currently preparing a report that will contain the comments and the number of responses and objections received during the consultation. The consultation outcome report is due to be published on the councils webpage in due course. See refusal notice below.

Scanned copies of the entire document containing the exact comments that were made for every objection.

Comments will be contained within the main body of the report, and full comments received will be appended to the report once published. See refusal notice below.

Date received for each

Only comments that were received during the statutory consultation period are considered. The consultation started on Thursday 10 December and finished on Thursday 7 January 2021.

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This information will not be published due to General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and data protection legislation. See refusal notice below.

Refusal Notice

Section 22 – Material intended for publication

The information you have requested is being withheld under section 22 (intended for future publication) of the Act. Section 22 is a qualified exemption, and accordingly we have to consider whether the public interest is in withholding the information or in disclosing it. The arguments for and against disclosure are detailed below.

The general argument in favour of releasing information is that there is a public interest in being able to scrutinise aspects of the Local Authorities where that information might be easy to access and will not prejudice the London Borough of Barnet. Against disclosure the argument is the public interest in permitting public authorities to publish information in a manner and form and at a time of their own choosing. It is a part of the effective conduct of public affairs that the general publication of information is a conveniently planned and managed activity within the reasonable control of public authorities. Where the decision has been made in principle to publish, there is a reasonable entitlement to make arrangements to do so.

Section 40 - Personal data

Individual addresses and contact details of members of the public who have commented on the proposals would be exempt by virtue of section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), as disclosure of this information to the public generally, in the Council's view, would not be consistent with the data protection principle found in Article 5.1(a) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) lawfully, transparently and fairly. We have considered whether disclosure is lawful and fair and whilst it may be lawful under Article 6.1(f) GDPR (legitimate interests) it would not be fair to the individuals concerned who would not expect the names of junior employees to be disclosed as part of such a request.

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.