

24 February 2021
Our ref: 6977772

Thank you for your request received on 31 January 2021, for the following information:

For the financial years 2015-16 to 2019-2020:

1. Number of planning applications for change of use to C4 (HMO of 3-6 persons)

- * Of which from C3 use**
- * Of which from other use**
- * Of which approved on initial application**
- * Of which refused on initial application**
- * Of which approved on appeal**
- * Of which refused on appeal**

2. Number of shared house (S.254) HMOs licensed as HMOs under the Housing Act 2004

3. Number of single persons on the housing register awaiting social (or local authority) housing

4. Number of single persons presenting as homeless

5. Number of single persons being placed in temporary accommodation

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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All the information planning hold is available online.

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

We don't record use class in a specific field, if it is specified it will be in the description, so to search for C3 or C4 add this to the description keyword. Select the dates you would like to search and the results will be listed.

2. Number of shared house (S.254) HMOs licensed as HMOs under the Housing Act 2004

For the financial years 2015-16 to 2019-2020:

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Our reply is provided in the form of the following table and explanatory notes: -

Table of HMO licences issued in the years

Year	HMO Licences Issued
2015/16	64
2016/17	213
2017/18	401
2018/19	367
2019/20	291

Explanatory notes

The figures for licences issued include variations to an existing licence

The figures also include licences issued for HMOs which fall within the definition set out under s.257 of the Housing Act 2004. We do however believe this to be a relatively small number.

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This information is held by Barnet Homes

Housing services (including homelessness, allocations, housing repairs and so forth) are provided by Barnet Homes who are an Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO) who manage the council's housing stock and associated services on the council's behalf. They are a public authority under Freedom of Information Act 2000 and so you may make a FOI request to them. Their contact details are:

Email: talk2us@barnethomes.org

Post: The Data Controller

Barnet Homes
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London NW9 4EW

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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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.