

London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW 1 March 2021 Our ref: 7035464

Thank you for your request received on 17 February 2021, for the following information:

Please could you provide me with any data and documentation the council holds relating to Hong Kongers gaining (or attempting to gain) residency in your council's jurisdiction under the BNO visa resettlement scheme (https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hong-kong-bno-visa-uk-government-tohonour-historic-commitment). This includes:

\* Any preparatory reports, policy/project proposals, impact assessments, and similar or related documentation that the council has prepared or commissioned relating to the scheme. If the council has not discussed, commissioned or prepared any documentation related to this scheme, please let me know.

\* Minutes (and links to recordings, if they're available online) of any council or committee meetings during which this scheme was discussed.

\* Figures regarding how many Hong Kongers have moved to live within your council's jurisdiction in the past 12 months (broken down by calendar month if possible), and how many are expected to try and obtain residency within your council's jurisdiction in the next 12 months. I understand that not all of this data may be available to you: please just provide what you can, and let me know what you can't, with a brief explanation.

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

# Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

A search by Assurance, the Community Safety Team and the communications team has not identified any information held.

# **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

# 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 <u>www.ico.org.uk</u>

### 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: <u>foi@barnet.gov.uk</u>. 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.