



London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
1 March 2021
Our ref: 6918748

Thank you for your request received on 5 January 2021, for the following information:

- 1. Please state the number of Community Protection Notices (CPNs) and Community Protection Warnings (CPWs) issued by your local authority in the period November 2019-October 2020. If possible, please provide the texts of these CPNs or state their subject matter (for example, 'waste', 'neighbour nuisance', 'enforcement of social distancing').**
- 2. Please state the number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued by your authority for the violation of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) in the year 2020. Please give the offences for which these FPNs were issued. If your authority has a dispersal PSPO, please state the number of directions to disperse issued by your officers.**
- 3. Please state whether your local authority has issued any fixed penalty fines to businesses for non-compliance with coronavirus regulations. If so, please state the offence(s) and the number and value of penalties issued.**
- 4. Please state if your local authority has employed Covid Marshals/Wardens for encouraging compliance with social distancing/lockdown regulations. If so, please state: a. the number of these wardens; b. whether they were recruited from local authority staff or from private companies; c. the roles of these wardens; d. how these wardens enforce non-compliance (for example, reporting non-compliance to council/police). THIS ONE**
- 5. Please state if your local authority has a Street Warden or Neighbourhood Warden scheme. If so, please state the number of wardens employed, and if possible state their general responsibilities.**
- 6. Please state whether your local authority has created any Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) in response to the Covid pandemic. If so, please state: a. The number of LTNs created; b. Whether you carried out public consultation or councillor scrutiny of LTNs before installation; c. The number of FPNs issued for the violation of these LTNs in 2020.**
- 7. Please state the number of fixed penalty notices (FPNs) issued by your local authority for the offence of littering in the year 2020. Please state whether these FPNs were issued by a private company (and if so which company).**

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. The remaining information is not withheld and is below/ attached.

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See Refusal Notice below

2. Please state the number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued by your authority for the violation of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) in the year 2020. Please give the offences for which these FPNs were issued. If your authority has a dispersal PSPO, please state the number of directions to disperse issued by your officers.

Total 4 –

2 for street drinking PSPO breaches and

2 for breach of CPN linked to the street drinking PSOP breaches

3. Please state whether your local authority has issued any fixed penalty fines to businesses for non-compliance with coronavirus regulations. If so, please state the offence(s) and the number and value of penalties issued.

From the Dates of 4th Jan 2021-1.03.2021

FPN – 2 x FPN Issued - In relation to a breach of a Tier 4 restriction imposed by regulation 8 and Part 3 of Schedule 3A, paragraph 10(1) (Requirement to close premises and businesses – applies to restricted business or restricted service listed in paragraph 15(2) or (7), or is carried on from, or provided at, premises of a kind specified in paragraph 15(2) or (7)):

- Failed, without reasonable excuse, to cease carrying on the business or providing the service listed in Part 3 of Schedule 3A, paragraph 15(2) or (7). – **FPN - £1,000**

And

In relation to a Breach of Regulation 21(1) of The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No4) Regulations 2020 (the Regulations) - **FPN = £1,000**

4. Please state if your local authority has employed Covid Marshals/Wardens for encouraging compliance with social distancing/lockdown regulations. If so, please state:

a. the number of these wardens;

b. whether they were recruited from local authority staff or from private companies;

c. the roles of these wardens;

d. how these wardens enforce non-compliance (for example, reporting non-compliance to council/police).

In 2020/21 15 Staff were redeployed internally from the Community Safety Team and Corporate Anti-Fraud Team to support the management functions for the intelligence gathering, tasking and coordination for the street based presence to address Covid19 lack of compliance with our police partners. Some of these officers have an enforcement element to their duties.

In July 2020 4 Town Centre Enforcement officers were recruited by Re to deliver enforcement action against commercial covid19 non-compliance.

In January 2021 these 4 staff were transferred to the Community Safety and retain their Covid 19 enforcement element as their main duty.

In addition 6 contracted staff from Kingdom/LAS staff were redeployed from Environmental Waste Enforcement duties from March/April 2020 to assist with high visibility Covid monitoring patrols.

In January 2021 34 additional staff were recruited from agency staff to assist in Covid monitoring patrols in our business areas across the borough. These officers have no enforcement element to their duties.

All reporting from these officers is initially to the Council unless there is a public safety element to the behaviours whereupon it is reported to the police to deal with.

5. Please state if your local authority has a Street Warden or Neighbourhood Warden scheme. If so, please state the number of wardens employed, and if possible state their general responsibilities.

London Borough of Barnet does not have such a scheme.

6. Please state whether your local authority has created any Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) in response to the Covid pandemic. If so, please state:
a. The number of LTNs created; b. Whether you carried out public consultation or councillor scrutiny of LTNs before installation; c. The number of FPNs issued for the violation of these LTNs in 2020.

We have not created any LTNs in response to the COVID pandemic.

7. Please state the number of fixed penalty notices (FPNs) issued by your local authority for the offence of littering in the year 2020. Please state whether these FPNs were issued by a private company (and if so which company).

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R6(1)(b) – Material already published

Under Regulation 6(1)(b) of EIR, we are not required to provide information in response to a

request if it is already reasonably accessible to you by other means.

The information relevant to your Q1 is published online at the following link:

[Freedom of Information Requests | Barnet Council](#) (under ref: 6634092 on the Disclosure log)

For Q7 see Open portal data (<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/>) and search for Fixed Penalty Notices. FPNs are issued by these are issued by Local Authority Support (part of the Kingdom Services Group).

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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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.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.

