

London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW 1 March 2021 Our ref: 6901784

Thank you for your request received on 4 January 2021, for the following information:

The number of prosecutions for dropping litter by the council, and the outcomes of those prosecutions, in each of the previous five calendar years (i.e. 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020).

The number of fixed penalty notices issued for dropping litter by the council and/or private contractors employed by the council in each of the previous five calendar years (i.e. 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020).

The number of fixed penalty notices for littering which were paid, unpaid or cancelled (and/or other relevant statuses) at the end of each of the previous five calendar years (i.e. 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020)?

The amount of money collected from these fixed penalty notices for littering in each of the previous five calendar years (i.e. 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020).

The number of prosecutions brought for non-payment of the FPNs for littering in each of the previous five calendar years (i.e. 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020)?

The annual expenditure by the council on littering enforcement in each of the previous five calendar years (i.e. 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020).

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.

The number of prosecutions for dropping litter by the council, and the outcomes of those prosecutions, in each of the previous five calendar years (i.e. 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020).

Please see attached table. Note that we do not hold data before 2016, see outcome of pilot in 2016 <u>https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s38566/Enforcement%20and%20Waste</u> <u>%20Regulations.pdf</u> <u>Appendix A.pdf (moderngov.co.uk)</u>

The number of fixed penalty notices issued for dropping litter by the council and/or private contractors employed by the council in each of the previous five calendar years (i.e. 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020). Please see refusal notice below

The number of fixed penalty notices for littering which were paid, unpaid or cancelled (and/or other relevant statuses) at the end of each of the previous five calendar years (i.e. 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020)?

Please see refusal notice below

The amount of money collected from these fixed penalty notices for littering in each of the previous five calendar years (i.e. 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020). Please see refusal notice below

The number of prosecutions brought for non-payment of the FPNs for littering in each of the previous five calendar years (i.e. 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020)?

Please see attached table.

The annual expenditure by the council on littering enforcement in each of the previous five calendar years (i.e. 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020).

 ± 0 – the pilot contract with NSL and the new contract are zero cost to the Council for the enforcement activity undertaken by the contracted service provider.

Refusal Notice

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 request is published online at the following link:

https://open.barnet.gov.uk/

Search on Environmental Emforcement Penalty Notices

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 <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.