



2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale, NW9 4EW
17 March 2021
Our ref: 7039196

Thank you for your request received on 18 February 2021, for the following information:

I wish to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Please could you provide me with the following information

1) How many farm animal welfare inspections/visits did your Local Authority carry out in 2010 and 2020? (If possible, please split between proactive and reactive visits) and what was the outcome of these inspections/visits? ie were breaches detected and what action was taken by your Local Authority?

2) The amount of resource applied to animal health and welfare in these years, and the number of dedicated animal health and welfare staff in your Local Authority (by FTE) in 2010 & 2020?

3) The number & type of cattle held by registered cattle holdings (ie holdings with a County Parish Holding number) in your Local Authority. Please could you also specify the nature of each holding, ie dairy farm, beef farm, abattoir, market etc

4) The details of any planning applications made by dairy farms, either for new dairy establishments, or expansion of existing establishments, made in 2019 or 2020. In particular the number of cows to be held, and the nature of the housing system for the cows, (ie permanent indoors housing, v. summer grazing with winter indoor housing)

I would be grateful if you could confirm via e-mail that you have received this request.

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Response

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

We have provided answers to your request below showing where we do not hold the information requested.

1) How many farm animal welfare inspections/visits did your Local Authority carry out in 2010 and 2020? (If possible, please split between proactive and

reactive visits) and what was the outcome of these inspections/visits? le were breaches detected and what action was taken by your Local Authority?

The inspections/visits are carried out by City of London. City of London have confirmed they have received this FOI also and will provide their own response directly.

2) The amount of resource applied to animal health and welfare in these years, and the number of dedicated animal health and welfare staff in your Local Authority (by FTE) in 2010 & 2020?

From 2010 to 2018 – 1 officer. 2018 to date – 2 officers.

3) The number & type of cattle held by registered cattle holdings (ie holdings with a County Parish Holding number) in your Local Authority. Please could you also specify the nature of each holding, ie dairy farm, beef farm, abattoir, market etc

We do not hold the information for registered cattle holding.

4) The details of any planning applications made by dairy farms, either for new dairy establishments, or expansion of existing establishments, made in 2019 or 2020. In particular the number of cows to be held, and the nature of the housing system for the cows, (ie permanent indoors housing, v. summer grazing with winter indoor housing)

We do not hold information with regards to planning applications.

Therefore regulation 12(4)(a) applies to your request. Regulation 12(4)(a) provides an exception to the duty to disclose information when information is not 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 access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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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.