

24 March 2021
Our ref: 7102116

Thank you for your request received on 8 March 2021, for the following information:

This request is made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations and is submitted on behalf of Friern Barnet & Whetstone Residents' Association.

The request relates to the 'housing mix' of residential unit sizes in residential developments in Barnet ('housing mix').

The term 'documents' used below includes documents whether in written or in electronic formats and includes reports, papers, notes, emails, letters and memoranda.

We request copies of the following -

- 1. the documents comprising the current guidance/instructions with regard to housing mix to be applied by/ taken into account by planning officers in assessing planning applications for development comprising or including residential units; and**
- 2. with regard to the Council's 'Housing Strategy March 2019', the documents considering the mis-match between the identified requirement for 2019-41, showing as 23% as 1/2 bed units and 77% 3 bed or more, and actual completions. Our understanding is that typically 80% of completed units are 1/2 bed and just 20% 3 bed or more.**
- 3. with regard to the Council's 'Housing Strategy March 2019', the documents considering the failure to achieve delivery of the required numbers of larger unit sizes.**

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

Response

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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This information can be obtained on the following links:-

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/housing/housing-strategy>

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policies-and-local-plan/local-plan>

2. with regard to the Council's 'Housing Strategy March 2019', the documents considering the mis-match between the identified requirement for 2019-41, showing as 23% as 1/2 bed units and 77% 3 bed or more, and actual completions. Our understanding is that typically 80% of completed units are 1/2 bed and just 20% 3 bed or more.

3. with regard to the Council's 'Housing Strategy March 2019', the documents considering the failure to achieve delivery of the required numbers of larger unit sizes.

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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