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Our ref: 7224284

Thank you for your request received on 9 April 2021, for the following information:

**I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000/Environmental Information Regulations about how the local authority has been impacted by Natural England and Natural Resources Wales updated legal advice on nitrogen and phosphorous pollution in or near Natura 2000 sites in England and Wales since 2019.**

**In June 2019, Natural England updated its legal position on approving planning applications where excess nutrient pollution from a prospective residential development might negatively impact a nearby Natura 2000 site. It has issued this fresh planning advice to councils in south Hampshire, Kent, Herefordshire and Somerset, which includes a provision on housebuilders to demonstrate nitrate or phosphate neutrality as part of the appropriate assessment under the The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.**

**In January, Natural Resources Wales followed suit in relation to excess phosphate levels in river SACs.**

**Would you please provide a list of all the Natura 2000 sites that sit within, or partially within, the local authority's boundary?**

**As a result of Natural England's updated planning advice on excess nutrients, would you please tell me how many planning applications are currently stuck or frozen in your planning system?**

**Would you please tell me how many homes this equates to?**

**I would prefer to receive this information electronically, preferably as a data set in Excel and not as a PDF, to include the following information:**

**Relevant SPA/SAC/Ramsar site(s) name**

**Number of applications frozen in the planning system**

**How many homes this equate to**

**If it is not possible to put the information into a spreadsheet, please provide the information in its existing format, rather than rejecting this FOI request.**

**If the decision is made to withhold some of this data using exemptions in the Data Protection Act, please inform me of that fact and cite the exemptions used.**

**If some parts of this request are easier to answer than others, I would ask that you release the available data as soon as possible. I would be grateful if you could confirm you have received this request and I look forward to hearing from you within the 20 working day statutory time period.**

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

## **Response**

***Would you please provide a list of all the Natura 2000 sites that sit within, or partially within, the local authority's boundary?***

None

***As a result of Natural England's updated planning advice on excess nutrients, would you please tell me how many planning applications are currently stuck or frozen in your planning system?***

None

***Would you please tell me how many homes this equates to?***

***Relevant SPA/SAC/Ramsar site(s) name  
Number of applications frozen in the planning system  
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None

## **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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