



London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,  
London NW9 4EW  
13 July 2021  
Our ref: 7477496

Thank you for your request received on 13 July 2021, for the following information:

**Freedom of Information / Environmental Information Regulations Request:  
Local Green Space Data**

We are gathering information on the location and size of local green spaces (LGS) designated across England. LGS are defined in policies set out in paragraphs 99 to 101 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). We are aware that LGS can be designated at either the local or neighbourhood plan level.

We would be grateful if you could supply, in electronic format, information on:

1. the number, name (where known), location and size of areas designated as 'Local Green Space' (in accordance with the definition set by the NPPF) within current (adopted or made) development plan documents within your local authority area.

2. which development plan document (adopted local plan or made neighbourhood plan) each local green space is defined in, and the year the plan was adopted or made.

3. the reasons for their designation. The NPPF gives guidance on justifying a local green space designation due to beauty, historical significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife. We would like to know whether the local green space falls into one or more of these categories.

I would be grateful if you could confirm that you have received this request and that all data be sent via email. Where possible we would want information requested under point (1) to be supplied in a file type capable of being read and analysed in a geographical information system (GIS). For points (2) and (3) we would request that the information is supplied in Excel format.

If you need any clarification on the information required, please contact me by email.

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 believe that the exceptions detailed below apply to all the information you requested and so we are withholding that information. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

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We consider that Regulation 6(1)(b) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already publicly available and easily accessible.

The information you requested is available at:

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/2zm6e/open-spaces-strategy>

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/243ne/parks-and-open-spaces-in-barnet>

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

### **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](http://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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.