

1 September 2021
Our ref: 7577196

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

Please could you provide answers to the following questions for me:

- 1. Does your authority provide allotments?**
- 2. If you do provide allotments:**
 - 1. Do you currently allow tenants to have bonfires on their plots?**
 - 2. If you don't allow bonfires on plots, is that a recent decision (since January 2020) and was climate change a stated factor in the decision being made?**
 - 3. If you do allow bonfires on plots, are you considering a change of policy within the next 18 months based on the damage to the environment that they cause?**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below:

Please could you provide answers to the following questions for me:

1. Does your authority provide allotments?

The London Borough of Barnet has a number of allotment sites all of which are under self managed leases.

2. If you do provide allotments:

1. Do you currently allow tenants to have bonfires on their plots?

Bonfires are expressly addressed in the leases noting when they are permitted and when not.

2. If you don't allow bonfires on plots, is that a recent decision (since January 2020) and was climate change a stated factor in the decision being made?

N/A

3. If you do allow bonfires on plots, are you considering a change of policy

within the next 18 months based on the damage to the environment that they cause?

There are no plans to change the leases regarding bonfires at this time.

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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