

20 September 2021

Our ref: 7611916

Thank you for your request received on 24 August 2021, for the following information:

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing on behalf of PMSI Strategy to request data held by Barnet Borough Council on building control activities in your area under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please could you provide me with the following datasets in Excel format:

**1) The number of Initial Notices from Approved Inspectors the council/building control partnership has received and accepted in each year for the period 2015-2021.
a. For each year, please indicate the breakdown of Initial Notices received by building type e.g. residential (i.e. social housing, high rise etc) or commercial (i.e. school, hospital, office etc.), and whether new build vs. a modification of an existing structure.**

2) The number of Building Control Applications the council/building control partnership has received in each year for the period 2015-2021 (i.e. the number of projects in each year for which the council/building control partnership has acted as the Building Control Body).

a. For each year, please indicate the breakdown of Applications received by building type e.g. residential (i.e. social housing, high rise etc) or commercial (i.e. school, hospital, office etc.), and whether new build vs. a modification of an existing structure.

Please could you also provide me with:

3) The schedule of fees charged by the council/building control partnership for building control services in 2021.

4) Where held, the schedules of fees charged by Approved Inspectors for building control services in the council/building control partnership's area in 2021.

I understand that under the Act I am entitled to a response within 20 working days of your receipt of this request on Monday 23rd August 2021.

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.

Question 1 and 2 - see attached report showing all Initial Notices received and applications made to Barnet Building Control for the period of 01/01/2015 - 31/08/2021

Questions 1a and 2a - we do not index our applications by these categories and therefore do not have the information requested.

Question 3 - Our fees can be found on our website [Building control charges | Barnet Council](#)

Question 4 - This is not information that the Local Authority hold and you would need to seek this information from the companies themselves.

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, 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.