

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
15 October 2021
Our ref: 7720140

Thank you for your request received on 12 October 2021, for the following information:

1) The number of compensation claims made to your local authority for vehicle damage caused by poor road conditions (e.g. potholes)

Could you please provide answers to Question 1) for the following calendar years

2018

2019

2020

2021 - up to the latest month available

2) The number of compensation claims made to your local authority for vehicle damage caused by poor road conditions (e.g. potholes) where compensation was paid out

Could you please provide answers to Question 2) for the following calendar years

2018

2019

2020

2021 - up to the latest month available

3) The total amount paid in compensation for vehicle damage caused by poor road conditions (e.g. potholes).

Could you please provide answers to Question 3) for the following calendar years

2018

2019

2020

2021 - up to the latest month available

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

Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested.

However, we believe that the exemptions detailed below apply to some/all of this information and this is withheld. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

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Could you please provide answers to Question 1) for the following calendar years

2018

2019

2020

2021 - up to the latest month available

For 2021 to latest month available: 130.

For all other years we are applying an exemption (see below)

2) The number of compensation claims made to your local authority for vehicle damage caused by poor road conditions (e.g. potholes) where compensation was paid out

Could you please provide answers to Question 2) for the following calendar years

2018

2019

2020

2021 - up to the latest month available

For 2021 to latest month available: 38.

For all other years we are applying an exemption (see below)

3) The total amount paid in compensation for vehicle damage caused by poor road conditions (e.g. potholes).

Could you please provide answers to Question 3) for the following calendar years

2018

2019

2020

2021 - up to the latest month available

For 2021 to latest month available: £12,228.06

For all other years we are applying an exemption (see below)

S21 - Material already published

Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you by other means.

The information you requested is available within our disclosure log

- Go to: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/foi-requests>
- Click on the link for the disclosure log
- Search for 'potholes'
- see our response to Fol number 7067256

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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