

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
1 November 2021
Our ref: 7699714

Thank you for your request received on 4 October 2021, for the following information:

Dear Barnet Borough Council,

Under the Freedom of Information act, I would like to request the following information:

- 1. The number of breaches of planning permission recorded by the council in the last five years (2016-2020)**
- 2. The enforcement action taken against the breaches above i.e. how many led to a prosecution, how many was no e enforcement action taken etc.**

If you require any further clarification please let me know.

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

Response

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

1. The number of breaches of planning permission recorded by the council in the last five years (2016-2020)

8514 planning enforcement cases were opened between 01/01/2016 - 31/12/2020

2. The enforcement action taken against the breaches above i.e. how many led to a prosecution, how many was no enforcement action taken etc.

903 of the cases listed in point 1. had enforcement notices served, and 89 cases were referred to the legal department for prosecution.

7487 of the cases listed in point 1. have since been closed, leaving 1027 of these cases currently open as of 26/10/2021 .

PLEASE NOTE

Planning Enforcement cases may be closed for a variety of reasons; these include where there has been compliance after a formal notice has been served, where the owner has undertaken remedial works prior to a formal notice being issued by the Council, where no breach of planning control was found, or where the taking of enforcement action was deemed not appropriate.

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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