

London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
1 November 2021
Our ref: 7733936

Thank you for your request received on 15 October 2021, for the following information:

I am writing to make a request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible. If however this request is too wide or too unclear, I would be grateful if you would contact me as I understand that under the Act you are required to advise and assist requesters.

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- 3. For each application per year, the nature of the proposed development eg. office block, affordable housing, leisure centre, etc.**

I understand that under the Act, I should be entitled to a response within 20 working days. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing or by email that you have received this request. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

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 some/all of this information and this is withheld. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

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Please see attached extract

R6(1)(b) - Material already published

Under Regulation 6(1)(b) of EIR, 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 relevant to your request is published online at the following link:

For the number of applications made yearly is available on the gov website, link below:

[Live tables on planning application statistics - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/live-tables-on-planning-application-statistics)

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

For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

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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.