

London Borough of Barnet,  
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Colindale,  
London NW9 4EW  
8 November 2021  
Our ref: 7720772

Thank you for your request received on 11 October 2021, for the following information:

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information. Please may you provide me with the following details:**

**1. How many commercial buildings were listed as empty or vacant in your local authority area in 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017? Please provide data broken down by year, for example:**

**Year Number of commercial buildings listed as empty or vacant in your local authority area**

**2021  
2020  
2019  
2018  
2017**

**2. How many retail units were listed as empty or vacant in in your local authority area in 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017? Please provide data broken down by year, for example:**

**Year Number of retail units listed as empty or vacant in in your local authority area**

**2021  
2020  
2019  
2018  
2017**

**3. How many office units were listed as empty or vacant in in your local authority area in 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017? Please provide data broken down by year, for example:**

**Year Number of office units listed as empty or vacant in in your local authority area**

**2021  
2020  
2019  
2018  
2017**

**If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact**

me as I understand that under the act, you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary. I understand you are required to respond to my request within 20 working days after you receive this email. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request. Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

**Best wishes,**

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

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

***How many commercial buildings were listed as empty or vacant in your local authority area in 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017?***

2021 - 331  
2020 - 341  
2019 - 385  
2018 - 492  
2017 - 327

***How many retail units were listed as empty or vacant in in your local authority area in 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017?***

2021 - 241  
2020 - 285  
2019 - 425  
2018 - 419  
2017 - 464

***How many office units were listed as empty or vacant in in your local authority area in 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017?***

2021 - 298  
2020 - 361  
2019 - 319  
2018 - 321  
2017 - 543

## **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/>

**Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing**

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link [www.ico.org.uk](http://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.**

## **Your rights**

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: [foi@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:foi@barnet.gov.uk). Or by post to Records & Information Management Service, Assurance Group, London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.