

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
2 November 2021
Our ref: 7725372

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

I wish to make a FOI request on the following:

Who is responsible for building control inspections for alteration/building works undertaken at the following addresses:

165 Friern Barnet Lane, N20 0NN

3 Alexandra Grove, N12 8NU

Inspection certificates are not available on the Planning Portal. I would like to request a copy of all certificates related to the two properties, and names of LBB officials who have dealt with these matters.

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.

Planning and Building Control are separate and entirely independent processes. They are concerned with different things and work off different legislation.

Unlike documents relating to Planning Applications, documents relating to Building Control Applications are not considered to be public by default. As such, unlike Planning Decision Notices, Building Control Completion Certificates are not available on the public facing Barnet Website.

Records relating to Building Control applications are only retained for 15 years.

While documents are only retained for 15 years, we do maintain a computerised index showing the outline details of Building Control cases received in the years 1990-present.

The London Borough of Barnet does not confirm details of Building Control Applications pre-dating 1990

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165 Friern Barnet Lane, London, N20 0NN

Please see below the post 1990 Building Control History relating to the above.

The applications with the preface ELESCA/ were Competent Person Scheme Applications. In the case of these the Local Authority are simply informed that the works have taken place on site. For full details and Compliance Certificates you would need to contact either the person/company who carried out the works or the Competent Person Scheme they were registered with.

For the two applications detailed below, ELESCA were the relevant Competent Person Scheme. Their website can be found at <https://www.checkmynotification.com/>.

The Inspection Logs and Completion Certificates relating to B/10/06575 and B/10/07403 are attached.

Ref	Site	Description	Completion Date
B/10/06575	165 Friern Barnet Lane, London, N20 0NN	Two Storey Rear and Side Extensions, Loft Conversion and Internal Alterations	04.04.2012
B/10/07403	165 Friern Barnet Lane, London, N20 0NN	New Detached Outbuilding	30.08.2012
ELECSA/20/00098	165 Friern Barnet Lane, London, N20 0NN	Install a replacement consumer unit	20.06.2020
ELECSA/20/00099	165 Friern Barnet Lane, London, N20 0NN	Install a replacement consumer unit	20.06.2020

3 Alexandra Grove, London, N12 8NU

Please see below the post 1990 Building Control History relating to the above.

The applications with the preface CPS/, CERTAS and ELESCA/ were Competent Person Scheme Applications. In the case of these the Local Authority are simply informed that the works have taken place on site. For full details and Compliance Certificates you would need to contact either the person/company who carried out the works or the Competent Person Scheme they were registered with.

For CPS/F/03/04078 the relevant Competent Person Scheme was FENSA. Their website can be found at <https://forms.fensa.org.uk/fensa-certificate>.

For CPS/E/09/07934 the relevant Competent Person Scheme was NICEIC. Their website can be found at <https://www.checkmynotification.com/>.

For CERTAS/15/00083 for the relevant Competent Person Scheme was CERTAS. Their website can be found at <https://www.certass.co.uk/competent-persons-scheme/>.

For the three applications detailed below, with the ELESCA/ preface ELESCA were the relevant Competent Person Scheme. Their website can be found at <https://www.checkmynotification.com/>.

F/97/02137, F/01/02227, R/02/01192 and B/03/00417 respectively ate from 1997, 2001, 2002 and 2003. As they fall outside our fifteen-year document retention window we are unable to supply copies of the Completion/Regularisation Certificates. However, the completion dates are detailed in the table below and I also attach the Inspection Logs relating to the applications (the Inspection Notes are retained as part of our computerised index).

In the attached Inspection Logs the surveyors are referred to by their Initials.

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F/01/02227

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R/02/01192

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B/03/00417

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Ref	Site	Description	Completion Date
CPS/F/03/04078 (FENSA Ref: 1248041)	3 Alexandra Grove, London, N12 8NU	7 Windows	22.10.2003
CPS/E/09/07934 (NICEIC Ref: 3864494)	3 Alexandra Grove, London, N12 8NU	NICEIC record for New installation, rewire or partial rewire, Flat Install 1 replacement window(s) in a dwelling, Install 2 replacement door(s) in a dwelling	05.07.2009
CERTAS/15/00083	3 Alexandra Grove, London, N12 8NU	Install a replacement consumer unit	06.07.2015
ELECSA/20/00094	3 Alexandra Grove, London, N12 8NU	Install a replacement consumer unit	27.05.2020
ELECSA/20/00095	3 Alexandra Grove, London, N12 8NU	Install a replacement consumer unit	26.05.2020
ELECSA/20/00096	3 Alexandra Grove, London, N12 8NU	Install a replacement consumer unit	27.05.2020
F/97/02137	3 Alexandra Grove, London, N12	Single storey rear extension	10.06.2002

F/01/02227	3 Alexandra Grove, London, N12 8NU	Loft conversion to existing first floor flat	02.10.2003
R/02/01192	3 Alexandra Grove, London, N12 8NU	Conversion of garage to extend existing flat	10.06.2002
B/03/00417	3 Alexandra Grove, London, N12 8NU	Detached store and playroom	30.04.2003

Some information has been withheld from the attachments

Refusal Notice

S40(2) identification of junior employees/ name(s) of applicants

We have also redacted the names of individuals/ names of applicants by virtue of section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), as disclosure of this information to the public generally, in the Council's view, would not be consistent with the data protection principle found in Article 5.1(a) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) lawfully, transparently and fairly. We have considered whether disclosure is lawful and fair and whilst it may be lawful under Article 6.1(f) GDPR (legitimate interests) it would not be fair to the individuals concerned who would not expect the names of junior employees to be disclosed as part of such a request.

Advice and Assistance

I have provided to you free of charge, redacted copies of documents held electronically. If you require unredacted versions of the documents attached **Completion Certificates and / or Decision notice** the following is required;

- A **signed letter** from the **owner** of the property **or** a letter on headed paper from **solicitor's** requesting for us to do a search / provide documents. If the signed letter is from the owner then it needs to state in the body of the letter that they own the property. As long as it has a unique signature, supplying us an electronic copy of the signed letter is fine.
- A **non-refundable** fee of **£72.50 (per property)**, this includes the search and a copy of **one** document **any subsequent documents will incur a further fee**; payments can be made by cheque or credit card. Cheques should be made payable to "London Borough of Barnet", alternatively you can call us on 020-8359-4500 (option 1) to make a card payment once signed letter is received. Once we received this payment we will process your request which can take up to **10** working days.

Only once the signed request and fee have been received will the search commence.

Please be aware of the following as the search fee is **non-refundable**;

If you've viewed any documents that are available and require copies (if the copyright of these documents is held by a third party) then while we are able to

provide you copies you should be aware that when received these documents are still protected by copyright.

Please note that when providing copies of documents that copying/scanning fees may apply.

[Simple Search \(barnet.gov.uk\)](http://barnet.gov.uk)

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

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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. 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). There is no charge for making an appeal.