

London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale,  
London NW9 4EW  
9 November 2021  
Our ref: 7783616

Thank you for your request received on 29 October 2021, for the following information:

**Dear Sir/Madam**

**Please can you provide me with the following information under the Freedom Of Information Act 2000:-**

**All NNDR Business rates accounts with a credit balance.**

**I am aware that all Billing Authorities hold on accounts sums of money that are due to be returned to ratepayers and for a variety of reasons have not been repaid.**

**I therefore request a breakdown of credit balances accrued since your earliest records, for the amounts owing to all incorporated companies within the authorities billing area, including the following information:**

**A. The name of each business in respect of which NNDR rate credit balances remain payable. I understand you will not provide individuals names.**

**B. The value of overpayment in each case which remains unclaimed**

**C. The years(s) in which overpayment is for**

**D. The property address the credit relates to**

**E. A write to address and write to company name if available**

**F. Please state whether the account is a live/open account or a closed account; if closed the date it closed**

**G. Please provide the most up to date and accurate information that you can, please confirm the date that the data was pulled from your system**

**Thanking you in advance for your assistance**

**Yours faithfully**

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.

## **Refusal Notice**

**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 relevant to your request is published online at the following link:

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/business-rates--nndr----accounts-in-credit>

### **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](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**

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