

London Borough of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale,  
London, NW9 4EW  
9 June 2022  
Our ref: 8265829

Thank you for your request received on 10 May 2022, for the following information:

**I request information regarding solar farms in the council area, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**Please can you provide me with:**

- 1. The amount of land (in square kilometres) currently allocated to solar farms within the council area.**
- 2. The capacity (in Megawatts) of each solar farm currently within the council area.**
- 3. The number of grants awarded for new solar farms to be built.**
- 4. The projected capacity (in Megawatts) of each new solar farm once built.**
- 5. The number of planning applications rejected by the council and the reason for each refusal.**

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 can you provide me with:***

- 1. The amount of land (in square kilometres) currently allocated to solar farms within the council area.***

The London Borough of Barnet has never received an application for Solar Farm.

**2. The capacity (in Megawatts) of each solar farm currently within the council area.**

As above

**3. The number of grants awarded for new solar farms to be built.**

As above

**4. The projected capacity (in Megawatts) of each new solar farm once built.**

As above

**5. The number of planning applications rejected by the council and the reason for each refusal.**

This information is publicly available

**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:

You can search solar farms on the Barnet website for confirmation of this.

<https://publicaccess.barnet.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=advanced>

**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.