

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
23 May 2022
Our ref: 8240000

Thank you for your request received on 25 April 2022, for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the London Borough of Barnet. Please may you provide me with:

- 1: Any internal documents relating to memorial park bench applications within the years 2020- 2021 and 2022.**
- 2: Any internal documents relating to the funding allocation for memorial park benches within the borough, for the last two years.**

Please provide the information in an electronic form.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

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

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Please see the attached documents.

From January 2021 we paused the processing of memorial park bench applications, whilst we updated our processes. We have supplied the most up to date and current documents that we have used since January 2021.

During 2020 applications were dealt with on a case by case basis, there are no specific internal documents for each of the 7 applicants.

2: Any internal documents relating to the funding allocation for memorial park benches within the borough, for the last two years.

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We do not hold any internal documents relating to the funding allocation for memorial park benches, as there is no funding allocation. Customers are charged the full costs of supplying and installing the memorial benches, as set out in the attached document 'Memorial bench costings April 2022'.

Refusal Notice

Please note that some redactions have been applied to third party personal data as per R13 - Personal data. R13 - Personal data Part 1 of Schedule 19 of the Data Protection Act 2018 amends the personal data exception Regulation 13 of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. These are consequential amendments designed to ensure that the correct provisions of the GDPR and the new Act are referenced instead of the now repealed DPA 1998. They will not fundamentally impact when personal data can, and cannot, be disclosed in response to an EIR request. We consider the information is subject to Regulation 13 because to release it would be a breach of the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal Information is governed by the Data Protection legislation and is defined as any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'). It adds that: an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location number, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person. The withheld information is exempt because disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle which requires that personal data is processed fairly and lawfully. Disclosure of the requested information would breach this principle and in particular the requirement of fairness as it could allow individuals to be identified.

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

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. 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.