

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
8 June 2022
Our ref: 8306988

Thank you for your request received on 1 June 2022, for the following information:

Please tell me if there has been any discussion in Townhall about noise reduction originating from front door closing / shutting in victorian era party walled terraced properties?

Please tell me if there has been discussion in Townhall about having rules in terms of which side the hinge is and which side is opening / closing is on front doors of terraced properties so as to minimize the noise from the closing / shutting front door noise in victorian era party walled terraced properties?

Please tell me if there has been discussion in Townhall about having rules in terms of installing door closures on front doors of terraced properties so as to minimize the noise the closing / shutting front door noise in victorian era party walled terraced properties?

If there has be no such discussion, please tell me the modus operandi to have this discussed at Townhall?

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Response

There has been no discussion on this topic at Barnet Council or complaints to the Noise team. There are no rules as far as we know.

There are area Forum Committees and the Environment Committee for Council discussion on issues, however this matter can be dealt with by isolating the door from the structure with door closures or isolating material such as rubber/neoprene. If its is a neighbouring premises the inquirer can discuss with freeholder but there is no case Statutory Nuisance law with regard formal action to remedy these problems as they are classified as every day living noises. We appreciate it is audible and annoying at certain times but the only way round it is cooperation between neighbours or isolating the door from the shared structure.

Further information

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