

London Borough of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale NW9 4EW  
17 June 2022  
Our ref: 8251629

Thank you for your request received on 5 May 2022, for the following information:

**Barnet Council are requested to provide the number of warning notices, pre-action letters and court action by year between 2017 and 2021 for breaches of vehicles parking on the pavements within the borough of Barnet.**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## **Response**

***Barnet Council are requested to provide the number of warning notices, pre-action letters and court action by year between 2017 and 2021 for breaches of vehicles parking on the pavements within the borough of Barnet.***

The Council does not hold the total number of warning notices served for each of the years in question. The information on individual warning notices is not readily reportable and would require a manual process to go through and determine these numbers – see refusal notice below.

There was only one pre-action letter and no court action for the period in question issued in 2022.

## **Refusal Notice** **S12 Exceeds Cost Limits**

We are refusing your request under section 12 because we estimate that compliance with your request will exceed the "appropriate limit" under section 12. The appropriate limit is £450 which is equivalent to 18 hours at £25 per hour. The per hour figure is set by Regulations rather than actual salary paid to any officers handling requests. The appropriate limit includes the time it will take the council to discover if it holds the information requested, to locate it, extract it and collate it as well as putting it into any particular format requested by the requester.

A search of the Council's Highways Services electronic holdings has identified there are around 400 documents that are potentially in scope. Although not all of these results will fall within the scope of the request, due to the large number of results retrieving that information and determining which of that information falls within it is our estimation that the request would exceed the limits for time and cost as set out below.

Our calculation is as follows:

We would have to look at around 400 files and we estimate it will take 10-15 minutes per file which totals between 67-100 hours.

### **Advice and Assistance**

Unfortunately, we are unable to suggest a way of limiting your search to bring the time cost limit.

### **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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**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.