

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
12 July 2022
Our ref: 8328301

Thank you for your request received on 4 July 2022, for the following information:

This is a request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. I would like to request the following information:

Do you manage your open spaces yourself or are they are outsourced?

If they are outsourced, what is the name of the company/companies that manage them?

What is your policy for weed control in the open spaces - parks, sports fields, grass verges etc?

Do you use herbicides containing glyphosate eg Roundup, Weedol etc If yes, what do you use What areas have been sprayed with herbicides containing glyphosate?

What is your policy on the use of glyphosate?

What precautions were taken ahead of its use?

For the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, please can you tell me:

The volume of these herbicides you have you used The cost

I would like to receive the information electronically - preferably in an Excel format. If you feel that a substantive response to this request is not possible within a reasonable time frame, or the request is too broad or too vague, I would be grateful if you could contact me and provide assistance as to how I could refine the request.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below.

This is a request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. I would like to request the following information:

Do you manage your open spaces yourself or are they are outsourced?

The open spaces are managed in house.

If they are outsourced, what is the name of the company/companies that manage them?

N/A

What is your policy for weed control in the open spaces - parks, sports fields, grass verges etc?

Please see link to the information requested [Pesticide Free Barnet.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

We currently operate an integrated approach to amenity management, though this is due to be reviewed. We actively treat invasive plant species but look to limit the use of pesticides in our parks and open spaces .

Do you use herbicides containing glyphosate eg Roundup, Weedol etc If yes, what do you use What areas have been sprayed with herbicides containing glyphosate?

Roundup and Gallup are used in parks, open spaces, highways, Barnet Council owned cemeteries and Barnet Homes housing land.

What is your policy on the use of glyphosate?

Please see link to the information requested [Pesticide Free Barnet.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

What precautions were taken ahead of its use?

All staff that use glyphosate are fully trained in the application of herbicide and we follow the manufacturers guidelines.

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Volume of herbicide used by Street Cleansing & Grounds Maintenance is as follows:

2018 - 2,694 litres

2019 - 2,687 litres

2020 - 3,475 litres

2021 - 3,141 litres

2022 - 1,032 litres to date.

Cost of herbicide used by Street Cleansing & Grounds Maintenance is as follows:

2018 - £49,179

2019 - £58,916.08

2020 - £113,782.12

2021 - £150,551.70

2022 - £75,599.42 to date.

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

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Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.