

London Borough of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale NW9 4EW  
18 July 2022  
Our ref: 8227502

Thank you for your request received on 8 April 2022, for the following information:

**I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act into roadworks and investment in roads across your local authority area.**

**I have detailed my request below:**

- 1. How many miles of road were worked on in your local authority area in the last three years?**
- 2. How many miles of road were closed in the last three years in your local authority?**
- 3. How many miles of road will be worked on in your local authority over the next 12 months?**
- 4. How many miles of road will be closed in the next 12 months?**
- 5. How much money has been invested in road improvements in the last three years? Please break down by years if possible.**

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

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Information not held

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Information not held

**3. How many miles of road will be worked on in your local authority over the next 12 months?**

Information exceeds appropriate limit, See Refusal Notice below

**4. How many miles of road will be closed in the next 12 months?**

Information not held. We are unable to anticipate requests for road closures that have yet to be received by the authority.

**5. How much money has been invested in road improvements in the last three years? Please break down by years if possible.**

Please see links below

**S21 - Material already published**

Under section 21 of the Act, 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:

**Environment and Climate Change Committee**

[Committee details - Environment and Climate Change Committee | Barnet Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](http://moderngov.co.uk)

**North Area Committee**

[Browse meetings - North Area Committee | Barnet Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](http://moderngov.co.uk)

**East**

[Committee details - East Area Committee | Barnet Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](http://moderngov.co.uk)

**West Area Committee**

[Committee details - East Area Committee | Barnet Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](http://moderngov.co.uk)

**S12 – Exceeds Appropriate Limit**

We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for the London Borough of Barnet is set at £450.

There were 1322 road closures in Barnet last year. We would have to go through each of the 1322 and measure. It would take approx 5 minutes per closure. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 110 hours in determining whether the Council holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the

information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act we are not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.

**Provide advice and assistance if possible.** We are unable to suggest how the request could be narrowed to bring it within 18 hours.

### **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.