

London Borough of Barnet
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Thank you for your request received on 4 July 2022, for the following information:

I would like to make a Freedom of Information Request regarding Car Clubs in your borough. Can you provide the following information?

As per <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/car-clubs-local-authority-toolkit/car-clubs-local-authority-toolkit> (see ringfenced sections below) can you confirm

Which car clubs operate in your borough? Whether they are

- commercial car clubs run by commercial operators (such as Co-Wheels, Enterprise, Hertz, Ubeeqo and Zipcar) who manage the vehicle tax, insurance and maintenance and may cover fuel costs - typically, members pay a monthly or annual fee and an hourly rate to hire a vehicle**
- community car clubs run by local groups (such as Derwent Valley Car Club) - these include informally arranged clubs, independent car clubs and those operating under licence from a national operator**
- peer-to-peer car sharing platforms (such as Getaround, Hiyacar, Karshare and Turo), which allow people with under-used vehicles to rent them to users locally through a dedicated platform - the platform providers often take a commission and provide insurance cover, some also operate traditional car club fleets or support community schemes with telematics**

which operating model they use in your borough;

Back to base - a traditional car club scheme, where a user books the car, picks it up from a dedicated parking bay, drives it and returns to the start location at the end of their hire.

One-way - an emerging variation on the traditional scheme, this allows users to pick up a car within a defined zone and drop it off elsewhere in the zone in an approved location (an example of like this is Zipcar Flex in London).

Geofenced - also known as 'back to area', this scheme uses geofencing technology to ensure that a user leaves the car within a certain geofenced area, so that other members in the zone can access the vehicle, without it having to be returned to a dedicated parking bay - Ubeeqo explains the

difference between fixed bays and geofenced areas.

How many dedicated car club parking bays are in the borough

If the car club is going to operate from fixed, dedicated parking bays, traffic regulation orders (TROs) will need to be amended to re-designate bays for exclusive car club use.

Of those, how many are dedicated to electric vehicles

For electric car clubs, vehicles will need regular access to chargepoints. Depending on the provider's operating model, this may be in bays dedicated for car club use, either on-street or in a car park through a TRO, or through access to a network of rapid chargers.

If using a floating model, how many permit-controlled spaces are in the borough that can be used by car club vehicles?

The London Borough of Lewisham created a 'floating' car club permit to allow a set number of car club vehicles to park in permit-controlled spaces across the borough. These permits allow car club vehicles to park in the borough, up to a maximum number assigned to the operator. This is reviewed annually and increased or decreased based on operator performance.

What fees you charge the car clubs in your borough for parking permits, in total and the individual permit cost. And whether a discount has been applied. If so, what was the discount?

To support the financial viability of a car club, local authorities can remove or reduce parking permit application fees for car club vehicles or introduce a new type of permit to allow multiple car club vehicles to park in an area. For example, in Brighton car club parking permit fees are significantly reduced.

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

Response

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

London Borough of Barnet does not currently have a borough wide Car Club operator. However, both Barnet's Long Term Transport Strategy and Sustainability Strategy Framework commit to exploring bringing one into the borough, as well as the potential electrification of a Car Club - links to these strategies below.

[Barnet's Sustainability Strategy | Barnet Council](#)

[Barnet's Long Term Transport Strategy 2020 to 2041 | Barnet Council](#)

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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