

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue
Colindale
NW9 4EW
7 November 2022
Our ref: 8587211

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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information relating to highway drainage maintenance.

1. Please can you provide the number of highway drainage assets under your responsibility? If available, can you split the information by type (e.g. gullies, ditches etc.)?

a. Could you also provide information about the number of gullies cleaned per year for the last 3 available years?

2. Please can you provide your highway drainage budget for the last 3 years

a. Does this budget only cover gully cleaning, or does it also include other services such as relining, emergency jetting, CCTV surveys?

b. If not, please include budgets and actual expenditure for these additional services over the last 3 years

3. Can you please provide your actual expenditure on drainage over the last 3 years, if available

4. Are highway drainage services provided in-house by the council? If so, how many employees do you use for this?

a. If outsourced, are they outsourced directly to a drainage contractor or are they managed as part of a wider highway maintenance contract?

5. In the case of a highway maintenance contract, please could you provide the following information:

- a. Number and description of lots**
- b. The current provider(s)**
- c. The start date and duration**
- d. Current contract value total**
- e. Previous contract value**

6. If available, would you be able to provide number of flooding incidents on highways in your area historically and any classification on severity

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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29881 Gullies

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Approximately 14940 per annum

2. Please can you provide your highway drainage budget for the last 3 years

The highway drainage maintenance budget for 2022/23 is £311,482

a. Does this budget only cover gully cleaning, or does it also include other services such as relining, emergency jetting, CCTV surveys?

This is the highway drainage maintenance budget so is inclusive of the items listed

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The anticipated spend on highway drainage maintenance in 2022/23 is likely to exceed £350,000

4. Are highway drainage services provided in-house by the council? If so, how many employees do you use for this?

No this is a contracted service

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Highway drainage cleansing is sub-contracted by the LBB Term Maintenance contractor Tarmac Kier Joint Venture.

5. In the case of a highway maintenance contract, please could you provide the following information:

a. Number and description of lots

One lot of HMPF Contract

b. The current provider(s)

Tarmac Kier Joint Venture

c. The start date and duration

1st April 2021 for 30 months

d. Current contract value total

Approx £60m

e. Previous contract value

Unknown

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The flooding criteria can be found online using the below link:

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/environmental-problems/flood-and-water-management/flood-investigation>

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

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. 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). There is no charge for making an appeal.