

London Borough of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale,  
London, NW9 4EW  
23 November 2022  
Our ref: 8640800

Thank you for your request received on 7 November 2022, for the following information:

**Questions:**

**1. Please confirm the total number of major planning applications that were refused by Barnet Council in the financial years 2018 to 2019, 2019 to 2020, 2020 to 2021, 2021 to 2022 and 2022 to 2023 (up to the date of this request 7th November 2022) but were then approved following an appeal by the applicant.**

**2. Please confirm the total monetary cost to Barnet Council in the financial years 2018 to 2019, 2019 to 2020, 2020 to 2021, 2021 to 2022 and 2022 to 2023 (up to the date of this request 7th November 2022) to cover all legal costs paid by Barnet Council during appeal proceedings for major planning applications that were later approved following an appeal by the appellant.**

**3. Please confirm the total monetary cost to Barnet Council in the financial year 2018 to 2019, 2019 to 2020, 2020 to 2021, 2021 to 2022 and 2022 to 2023 (up to the date of this request 7th November 2022) to cover costs awarded to appellants who succeeded in appealing against major planning applications that Barnet Council opposed during appeal proceedings.**

**\*Please could you break the information on a financial year-by-year basis, for example: 'In financial year 2018-2019, there were 12 major planning applications refused by Barnet Council that were later approved following an appeal by the applicant'.**

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

**Response**

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested. However, we believe that the exceptions detailed below apply to some/all of this information and this is withheld. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

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This information is already available on the Council's website:-

<https://publicaccess.barnet.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=advanced>

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The Planning Service is provided by Regional Enterprise (Re). Re provides a managed service on an output basis associated with a contract for planning services that commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013. Further information about the contract is available on the council's website

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/download/e659v/29c/Contract.pdf>

Barnet do not pay additional legal costs to cover appeal proceedings, this is paid for by Re as part of the contract.

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2018-19	£73,103.15
2019-20	£27,181.78
2020-21	£42,302.00
2021-22	£18,788.00
2022-23	£8,415.60

## **R6(1)(b) - Material already published**

Under Regulation 6(1)(b) of EIR, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you by other means.

See above link

## **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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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)

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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.