

London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale, NW9 4EW
30 January 2023
Our ref: 9024020

Thank you for your request received on 20 January 2023, for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about the use of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in schools which the council has maintenance obligations for.

If it is not possible to provide the information due to the request exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me via email and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for. My details are at the bottom of this email.

In 2018 the Local Government Association and Department for Education sent an alert to schools and responsible authorities about the use of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) that was used to construct any part of school estates between the 1960s and 1980s. Could you please answer the following questions relating to the official Government guidance (the most recent of which can be found here).

- 1. According to the Government guidance, since 2018 how many schools for which you have maintenance responsibility require inspection to determine if RAAC is present?**
- 2. How many of those schools have been physically inspected to identify if RAAC is present?**
- 3. For each building that was inspected:**
 - 3a) How many required remedial works to replace or repair the RAAC?**
 - 3b) How many repairs have been completed?**

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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1. According to the Government guidance, since 2018 how many schools for which you have maintenance responsibility require inspection to determine if RAAC is present?

- 130 schools within Barnet, maintained directly by LBB at present is 23, out of the current 23, 14 required inspections which are being scheduled for initial surveys.

2. How many of those schools have been physically inspected to identify if RAAC is present?

- Overall initial surveys completed on 9 assets maintained by LBB through the traded service.

3. For each building that was inspected:

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- None so far - we are still collating data on schools that may be applicable, before we instruct structural surveys to confirm.

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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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