

London Borough of Barnet
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Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
22 February 2023
Our ref: 9145608

Thank you for your request received on 8 February 2023, for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the Barnet Council within 20 working days. Please can you provide me with the following information broken down in to calendar years and into quarters from January 2021 to January 30th 2023:

- 1) How many planning applications have been rejected by the council from 2021 to 2023?**
- 2) How many applications were granted planning permission after the developer appealed the process following a refusal from the council from 2021 to 2023?**
- 3) How much in pound sterling has been awarded to developers in costs and damages in relation to planning applications initially rejected by the council and subsequently overturned between 2021 and 2023?**

Please provide this information in a microsoft word document.

If you need any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

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.

1) How many planning applications have been rejected by the council from 2021 to 2023?

This information can be found by searching the Barnet website via advanced search ensuring the application status is changed to Application refused.

This information is published online at the following link:

<https://publicaccess.barnet.gov.uk/online-applications/>

2) How many applications were granted planning permission after the developer appealed the process following a refusal from the council from 2021 to 2023?

This information can be obtained at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/search/research-and-statistics?organisations%5B%5D=planning-inspectorate&parent=planning-inspectorate>

3) How much in pound sterling has been awarded to developers in costs and damages in relation to planning applications initially rejected by the council and subsequently overturned between 2021 and 2023?

The Planning Service is provided by Regional Enterprise (Re), they pay all team member salaries at a level they decide, private companies do not follow local government pay bands. Re provides a managed service on an outputs basis associated with a contract for planning services that commenced on 1st October 2013. Further information about the contract is available on the council's website.

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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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.