

London Borough of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale NW9 4EW  
28 March 2023  
Our ref: 9412273

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

**Please can I request the following information under the FOIA 2000.**

- (1) Has the council adopted the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on British Muslims definition of Islamophobia from the report Islamophobia Defined? The definition in question is: 'Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness'.**
- (2) If yes, when was it adopted and was it following a unanimous vote? An indication of the votes for and against would be helpful.**
- (3) Please can you share any minutes of meetings from the discussion of the definition prior to the vote, in the event it was adopted, or rejected subsequently.**
- (4) Has the council also adopted the IHRA working definition of antisemitism?**

**Many thanks,**

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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Following the decision of the previous administration not to adopt the definition agreed by the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Islamophobia, a cross-party motion was passed by Barnet Council on 30 July 2019 to develop a definition of Islamophobia for the borough . It was agreed that the definition should be developed through consultation with Barnet's Muslim communities . The minutes can be found here: [Printed minutes 30th-Jul-2019 19.00 Council.pdf](#) ([moderngov.co.uk](http://moderngov.co.uk))

Engagement workshops were held with a forum of Islamic organisations from across the borough as well as students from Barnet Hill Academy. The following definition was unanimously voted for adoption at a full council meeting on 20 October 2002.

*Anti-Muslim prejudice, also known as islamophobia, is a perception of Muslims, often expressed as a dislike or hatred towards an individual, a group or their property, institutions and facilities for possessing the perceived characteristics of a Muslim. This prejudice is often rooted in racism, and can be manifested in many ways, including but not limited to abusive behaviour, threats of violence, damage and desecration of property, assault and extreme violence.*

The minutes of this meeting are here: [Printed minutes 20th-Oct-2020 19.00 Council.pdf](#) ([moderngov.co.uk](http://moderngov.co.uk))

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Yes

**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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