

London Borough of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale NW9 4EW  
3rd April 2023  
Our ref: 9510360

Thank you for your request received on 30th March 2023, for the following information:

**From March 2018 to March 2023, how many fixed penalty notices (FPNs) were issued to people for feeding ducks in public places by enforcement officers working for/acting on behalf of the council? Please provide a breakdown of each FPN, including the location, date of issue, FPN amount, the official reason for the FPN, powers under which it was issued, whether the FPN was paid, and whether it was appealed, rescinded before payment, or later refunded. Please also include FPNs issued in error (e.g fines incorrectly issued for littering or fly-tipping to someone who was lawfully bird feeding). How many people were prosecuted for non-payment of FPNs related to bird feeding and what was the outcome of these proceedings? If there are any further details recorded which provide context regarding the nature and circumstances of the individual fines please also provide this if possible within cost/time limits.**

**Please repeat the search for 'pigeons', 'seagulls', and 'birds', within the same date range, providing answers to the same questions as written above for each.**

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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0 Notices were served.

### **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.