

London Borough of Barnet
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Our ref: 9462687

Thank you for your request received on 27 March 2023, for the following information:

I am doing research into the regulations, policy, and guidelines for improving biodiversity in London.

My questions are the following:

To what extent is the Urban Greening Factor currently being implemented in the Borough of Barnet?

What is the minimum UGF score for developments in the Borough?

For which types of development projects are these scores being implemented?

Are there exceptions where the UGF is being implemented to different extents?

Are there other regulations/policies being implemented beyond the UGF?

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

To what extent is the Urban Greening Factor currently being implemented in the Borough of Barnet?

For all major development as set out within Policy G5 of the London Plan 2021.

What is the minimum UGF score for developments in the Borough?

The requirement for development to meet the Urban Greening Factor of 0.4 residential and 0.3 commercial within Policy G5 of the London Plan 2021

For which types of development projects are these scores being implemented?

All major applications

Are there exceptions where the UGF is being implemented to different extents?

No, each development must demonstrate compliance with policy G5 of the London Plan 2021. Where it has not been possible to meet policy, justification has been required and offsetting sort. However it is generally possible for most developments to meet the required level of UGF.

Are there other regulations/policies being implemented beyond the UGF?

The local plan has supporting policy for soft landscape and biodiversity gains. The Environment Act 2021 will further support the provision of UGF.

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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