

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
17 April 2023
Our ref: 9521924

Thank you for your request received on 3 April 2023, for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information which pertains to allotments covered by your jurisdiction.

Please may you provide data on:

- * The number of allotment sites and individual plots which are provided by the council in your jurisdiction**
- * The number of people currently on the council's waiting list for an allotment plot**
- * The average length of time, in months/weeks/days, someone is on the waiting list before a plot becomes available for them**
- * The annual cost in fees/rental charges that a person pays to the council for one allotment plot**

Please can you provide this information in one table on a spreadsheet, with the column headings as follows:

Council Name

Number of Allotment Sites

Number of Allotment Plots

Number of People on Waiting Lists

Average Time on Waiting List

Annual Cost of Fees/Rental Charges (£)

Supporting Notes (if applicable)

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information 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 can identify any ways that my request could be refined, I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me via this email and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss this request.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and although we hold some of the information requested, some of the information you requested is not held by London Borough of Barnet.

We have provided answers to your request below.

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**** The annual cost in fees/rental charges that a person pays to the council for one allotment plot***

Please can you provide this information in one table on a spreadsheet, with the column headings as follows:

Council Name

London Borough of Barnet

Number of Allotment Sites

There are 42 sites.

Number of Allotment Plots

There are 26,452.43 allotment plots.

Number of People on Waiting Lists

Barnet's allotments are operated under self managed leases and as such the council does not hold this information.

Average Time on Waiting List

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Annual Cost of Fees/Rental Charges (£)

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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/>

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

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.