

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
21 April 2023
Our ref: 9558552

Thank you for your request received on 4 April 2023, for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information on the enforcement of Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) and Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) for both commercial and residential properties in your council area.

Specifically, I would like to request the following information:

Residential

- * The number of EPC breaches identified in residential properties in your council area since the MEES was established in 2015 and first implemented in April 2018.**
- * The total number of fines issued for EPC breaches in residential properties in your council area since the introduction of MEES, along with the total value of these fines.**
- * The number of EPCs for residential properties in your council area that remain noncompliant with MEES.**

Commercial

- * The number of EPC breaches identified in commercial properties in your council area since the recent MEES was established on 1st April 2023.**
- * The total number of fines issued for EPC breaches in commercial properties in your council area since the introduction of MEES, along with the total value of these fines.**
- * The number of EPCs for commercial properties in your council area that remain noncompliant with MEES.**

I would also like to know your policy/procedures for fining parties in breach of MEES or EPC regulations and if your council has a publicly available register or list of properties that have breached the above-mentioned MEES or EPC regulations that you can send.

Lastly, do you offer any 'whistleblowing' referrals, or is this is a service which you would consider outsourcing.

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

Response

Residential

**** The number of EPC breaches identified in residential properties in your council area since the MEES was established in 2015 and first implemented in April 2018.***

None

**** The total number of fines issued for EPC breaches in residential properties in your council area since the introduction of MEES, along with the total value of these fines.***

None

**** The number of EPCs for residential properties in your council area that remain noncompliant with MEES.***

N/A

Commercial

**** The number of EPC breaches identified in commercial properties in your council area since the recent MEES was established on 1st April 2023.***

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**** The total number of fines issued for EPC breaches in commercial properties in your council area since the introduction of MEES, along with the total value of these fines.***

None

**** The number of EPCs for commercial properties in your council area that remain noncompliant with MEES.***

None

I would also like to know your policy/procedures for fining parties in breach of MEES or EPC regulations and if your council has a publicly available register or list of properties that have breached the above-mentioned MEES or EPC regulations that you can send.

N/A

Lastly, do you offer any 'whistleblowing' referrals, or is this is a service which you would consider outsourcing.

N/A

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.

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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.