

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
24th May April 2023
Our ref: 9657001

Thank you for your request received on 24th April 2023, for the following information:

Littering Fine Value:

1. Do you issue fines for littering? YES/NO
2. If so, at what level do you levy fines?
3. The Government said in March 2023 that they are increasing the upper limit on fines for littering to £500.
 - a. Will you be levying fines at this level?
 - b. If not, at what level will you levy fines for littering?

Enforcement & Statistics:

4. Do you use an in-house team or private enforcement company to issue fines for littering?
5. How many fines (FPNs) for littering were issued in your council area in 2021/2022?
6. How many fines (FPNs) for car parking were issued in your council area in 2021/2022?

Litter Bins:

7. How many litter bins do you have in your council area now?
8. How many litter bins did you have 10 years ago?
9. Have you removed any litter bins in the past 10 years, and if so, how many?

Litter Clearance Costs:

10. What was your annual spend on litter clearance 2021/2022 and how does this compare to 2011/2012?

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.

Littering Fine Value:

1. Do you issue fines for littering?

Caring for people, our places and the planet

YES

2. If so, at what level do you levy fines?

£100 Fixed Penalty Notice; reduced to £70 if paid within 14 days

3. The Government said in March 2023 that they are increasing the upper limit on fines for littering to £500.

a. Will you be levying fines at this level?

No

b. If not, at what level will you levy fines for littering?

No change planned

Enforcement & Statistics:

4. Do you use an in-house team or private enforcement company to issue fines for littering?

In house

5. How many fines (FPNs) for littering were issued in your council area in 2021/2022?

See website

[Environmental Enforcement Fixed Penalty Notices | Barnet Open Data](#)

6. How many fines (FPNs) for car parking were issued in your council area in 2021/2022?

N/A - that is dealt with by NSL and using Penalty Charge Notices not Fixed Penalty Notices

Litter Bins:

7. How many litter bins do you have in your council area now?

Approximately 3500 across all public realm

8. How many litter bins did you have 10 years ago?

We do not hold historic information

9. Have you removed any litter bins in the past 10 years, and if so, how many?

No

Litter Clearance Costs:

10. What was your annual spend on litter clearance 2021/2022 and how does this compare to 2011/2012?

We do not have a specific budget line for 'litter clearance' per se. The whole Street Cleansing Service budget for 21/22 was £5.2m. For 2011/12 it was £4.35m

We do not hold historic information

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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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

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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.