

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW
3 May 2023
Our ref: 9504222

Thank you for your request received on 2 April 2023, for the following information:

Detail of request:

To ask for:

Financial budgets:

Budget: Pot hole budget for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Sources of funding to repair pot holes:

Repairing pot holes:

- How are pot holes repairs prioritised?
- A broken down list of all full pot holes repairs (with full post code location) in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- A broken down list of all road resurfacing (with full post code location) in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Claims to the council:

- A broken down list of claims made to the council for damage caused by pot holes - with vehicle type included (push bike, car, motorbike etc) (ideally with full post code location - or as close to full post code location as acceptable); broken down by year 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.
- On the above list; detailing if the claim was successful or not.
- If successful, the compensation paid out by the council.

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

Response

Detail of request:

To ask for:

Financial budgets:

Budget: Pothole budget for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Information not held. We do not have a specific pothole budget, there is a general reactive maintenance budget from which potholes are repaired which is as follows.

London Borough of Barnet Highways Service pays the Council's Contractor a lump sum that includes all reactive maintenance works, these lump sums are

2018/19 - £1,864,152.50
2019/20 - £1,911,738.82
2020/21 - £2,640,002.00
2021/22 - £2,162,796.00

Sources of funding to repair potholes:

As above

Repairing potholes:

- How are potholes repairs prioritised?

Potholes are repaired within 48 hours of being reported and inspected, should they meet the minimum criteria of intervention level, 40mm.

- A broken down list of all full potholes repairs (with full post code location) in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Please see the below S12 - Cost limit (Exceeds Appropriate Limit) notice. This information would take Officers too long to gather.

- A broken down list of all road resurfacing (with full post code location) in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

As above.

Claims to the council:

- A broken down list of claims made to the council for damage caused by pot holes - with vehicle type included (push bike, car, motorbike etc) (ideally with full post code location - or as close to full post code location as acceptable); broken down by year 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet titled FOI 9504222. We do not record the vehicle as part of the claim, so it has been omitted. Also, we record the address rather than the postcode, so this has been provided.

- On the above list; detailing if the claim was successful or not.

- If successful, the compensation paid out by the council.

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet as advised above.

Refusal Notice

S12 - Cost limit (Exceeds Appropriate Limit)

We are refusing your request under section 12 because we estimate that compliance with your request will exceed the "appropriate limit" under section 12. The appropriate limit is £450 which is equivalent to 18 hours at £25 per hour. The per hour figure is set by Regulation rather than actual salary paid to any officers handling requests. The appropriate limit includes the time it will take the council to discover if it holds the information requested, to locate it, extract it and collate it as well as putting it into any particular format requested by the requester.

We do not hold information for the full period in our current system as this was introduced in 2020. We only record the name of the road and the address number on our database, we do not hold postcode information. We have calculated that it will take approx 161 hours to comply with your request. Our calculation is as follows:

Pot hole and resurfacing works across the period relates to 966 entries. Each entry would need to be manually reviewed for the postcode location extracted 10 minutes per entry. We are unable to run a report on pothole works carried out by postcode location or resurfacing works by postcode location.

Advice and Assistance

If you could provide a location of interest, reduce the time period and narrow down the search, we would be able to look into your request further.

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.