

London Borough of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale NW9 4EW  
16 May 2023  
Our ref: 9645568

Thank you for your request received on 17 April 2023, for the following information:

To whom it may concern,

**Under Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information from the council:**

- 1. Can you confirm if the council have been in communication with the US based company Fusus (<https://www.fusus.com/>) and whether they have approached you to sell their products**
- 2. If so, can I see those communications such as emails, meeting minutes and any other related documents that show communication between the council and Fusus and could I see any documents or emails that name Fusus**
- 3. Have Fusus spoken to the council about using their CCTV and other infrastructure or infrastructure of local public services such as schools or hospitals for the development of a Real-Time Crime Centre or Fusion Centre or have the council approached approached these organisations to integrate their CCTV infrastructure into Fusus' products or a real time crime centre**

**I recognise there are FOI exemptions under Section 43(2) relating to commercial interests however I am confident the public interest lies in disclosing this information as the public have a right to know how they will be policed and where public money could be spent.**

**If this request is not specific enough please consider the request as made to the mayors office (if you have one) and the department(s) responsible for police liaison and strategy and community safety.**

**Kind regards,**

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

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

**1. Can you confirm if the council have been in communication with the US based company Fusus (<https://www.fusus.com/>) and whether they have approached you to sell their products**

No communications received.

**2. If so, can I see those communications such as emails, meeting minutes and any other related documents that show communication between the council and Fusus and could I see any documents or emails that name Fusus**

N/A

**3. Have Fusus spoken to the council about using their CCTV and other infrastructure or infrastructure of local public services such as schools or hospitals for the development of a Real-Time Crime Centre or Fusion Centre or have the council approached approached these organisations to integrate their CCTV infrastructure into Fusus' products or a real time crime centre**

No communications received from Fusus on the above. The Council has not approached Fusus about the above either.

### **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.