

8 November 2024  
Our ref: 13163456

Thank you for your request received on 16 October 2024, for the following information:

**Dear Barnet Borough Council,**

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000.**

In accordance with the provisions specified within the above Act I hereby request the following information.

This request relates to business rates but please only refer us to data available for download on your website if it contains the requested data.

**Required Information; -**

**A list of hereditaments where there is a credit of over £2,000 on the account.**

**A list of hereditaments where there has been a right on over £2000.**

**Please include;-**

**\* Property Reference Number (also known as Billing Authority Reference Number) of the property on which the charge is made. This is not the Rate Demand or Account Number.**

**\* Current Rateable Value**

**\* Account holder name**

**\* Property address**

**\* The billing address (where different to the property address) Please provide the information in an electronic, spreadsheet format ideally excel. The Act requires that a response be provided within a period of 20 working days from the date hereof.**

**This request for information falls within the parameters of the Act but if you require clarification on any of the points above or should you wish to discuss this further then please do not hesitate to contact me. The requested information passes all required public interest tests and other requirements and is not exempt from disclosure.**

**Yours faithfully,**

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

**Response**

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested.

**Caring for people, our places and the planet**  
However, we consider that the absolute exemption set out in Section 21 (Information accessible by other means) applies as the information requested is already reasonably accessible elsewhere.

This information is available on our Open Barnet data portal using the following link:

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/business-rates--nndr----accounts-in-credit>

If you do not have access to the internet at home, you may be able to use facilities at your local library.

The Council does not retain details of any credit balances written onto Business Rates accounts.

### **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.

