

07 January 2025
Our ref: 13589188

Thank you for your request received on 4 December 2024, for the following information:

I am reaching out to inquire about the food hygiene rating for Fisk Seafood Restaurant, located on High Street, Barnet. While walking past the restaurant, I noticed there was no hygiene rating displayed on the premises, and I could not find any information about their health and safety standards online.

As I have heard some concerns regarding the establishment, I would like to confirm whether it meets the necessary food hygiene and safety standards before considering dining there.

Could you please provide details of the restaurant's most recent inspection and its food hygiene rating?

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

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The current awarded food hygiene rating for Fisk Restaurant can be publicly viewed at ratings.food.gov.uk/business/1753058/fisk-restaurant

FOI Section 31 (1)(c) the administration of justice

We consider that FOI Section 31 (1)(c) applies to the information requested because we consider that disclosure of the information requested would adversely affect the course of justice, the ability of a person to receive a fair trial or the ability of a public authority to conduct an inquiry of a criminal or disciplinary nature.

Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information.

In applying this exception, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the interest in favour of disclosure.

Factors in favour of disclosure

Furthering the understanding and participation in the public debate of issues of the day. Promoting accountability and transparency by public authorities for decisions taken by them. Promoting accountability and transparency in the spending of public money. Allowing individuals, companies and other bodies to understand decisions made by public authorities affecting their lives. Bringing to light information affecting public health and safety.

Factors in favour of withholding

There is a very strong public interest in protecting the law enforcement capabilities of public authorities. The food enforcement investigation is ongoing, and progress is reported through established mechanisms. If a formal Food Hygiene Notice is served or any prosecution action taken only when these processes have been fully completed and appeal routes exhausted this information will be made available into the public domain. Any information provided by third parties during the course of such investigations should be treated in confidence and only used for the purposes for which it was provided. We believe that people would be discouraged from providing information if they thought their information might be released publicly without a compelling reason to do so. It is therefore important that this information remains confidential. In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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The information requested forms part of an enforcement case as it concerns matters of enforcement and investigations into an alleged breach. Disclosure could prejudice the way the London Borough of Barnet conducts investigations and any other matter it has a duty to investigate.

This is a qualified exception under the FOIA which means that consideration must also be given to whether in all the circumstances of the case the public interest favouring disclosure is greater than the public interest in maintaining the exception. The public interest means what is in the best interests of the public, not what is of interest to the public.

We have considered the public interest the disclosure of this information. These factors are that the decision making processes of public functions should be transparent and open to scrutiny in order to inform the public debate. The disclosure

of information in relation to enforcement and investigations, would compromise proceedings. In these circumstances of the case it is our view that the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Therefore we have decided to withhold the information. In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing the 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/>

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.