

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
10 January 2025
Our ref: 13559365

Thank you for your request received on 11 December 2024, for the following information:

I am researching planning appeal cost awards for the Planning Resource news website. Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), I request the following information from your authority in 20 working days please:

Please can you provide the following information about each planning appeal cost award or partial cost award made for or against your council (including information for any now-defunct councils that have been merged into your council) by planning inspectors between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2024:

- * Date of cost award decision**
- * Date of appeal decision letter (if different to date of costs award decision)**
- * Was the award for or against your council?**
- * Has the amount of the cost award been determined (yes/no)?**
- * Amount of sum (if determined) negotiated between the applicant and council for cost award (£)**
- * Was the decision that was the subject of the appeal made against officer recommendation (yes/no)?**
- * PINS case reference number**

Please note that we are asking about planning appeal cost awards only, and not, for example, awards that relate to enforcement or householder appeals.

It would be much appreciated if you could, where possible, provide information in the format set out in the attached spreadsheet.

This is similar to a request we made in 2023, in which we asked for data for the five years to March 2023. In response to our 2023 FOI, your authority gave us data relating to the following appeal PINS references, for which we do not need further information:

Not applicable (because our records show that there were no appeals about which your authority in 2023 provided all the information requested in the above fields)

We have identified the following additional planning appeal PINS references as likely to relate to successful costs claims over the period, and therefore relevant to this request:

**APP/N5090/W/18/3201916
APP/N5090/W/18/3207451
APP/N5090/W/18/3207455
APP/N5090/W/18/3207746
APP/N5090/W/20/3248645
APP/N5090/W/20/3250343
APP/N5090/W/22/3295865**

The above may not be a comprehensive list of relevant appeals over the period, and is merely intended to aid your response. Therefore, if no appeals are listed above, this does not necessarily mean that your authority was not involved in any successful costs claims over the six year period.

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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Please see attached list of successful cost claims

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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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.

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