

12 April 2021 Our ref: 7121444

Thank you for your request received on 15 March 2021, for the following information:

Please could I ask the following allotment provision question as a Freedom of Information Request:-

- i) what is the population of your Borough?
- ii) how many allotment plots are within your Borough?
- iii) how many of these plots are currently vacant?
- iv) how many people are on the waiting list for an allotment?

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.

However, we consider that the following exemptions apply to some of the information requested. The remaining information is not withheld and is below.

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i) what is the population of your Borough?

S21 - Material already published

Under Section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you by other means.

The information relevant to your request is published online on the Council's Open Data portal which you can access via the following link: https://open.barnet.gov.uk

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- iii) how many of these plots are currently vacant?

iv) how many people are on the waiting list for an allotment?

All of the councils allotments are out to self-managed leases and as such we do not hold the information related to Questions 2-4.

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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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.