



My Ref: FOI/4199
Your Ref:
Date: 02/04/2025
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

Second Home Premium

- **Does the council currently charge a premium on second homes?**

Yes, for properties marked as a second home the additional premium charge will apply after one year.

- **If so, what is the rate of the premium (expressed as a percentage or multiplier of the standard council tax rate)?**

100%, in addition to the 100% standard council tax charge.

Impact Assessment

- **Has the council undertaken any impact assessment(s) on the effect of the second home premium on the local economy?**

No, we didn't undertake any impact assessment as there were minimal properties in the borough which would be affected by the change.

- **If so, please provide a copy of the assessment(s).**

N/A

Definition of a Second Home

- **How does the council define a second home for council tax purposes?**

We class a second home as a dwelling which is not a person's sole or main residence that is substantially furnished.

Disputes

- **Have any households challenged the classification of their property as a second home?**

Yes

- **If yes, how many such disputes have there been, and how many resulted in a change of status?**

Three disputes, none of which have resulted in a change of status.

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Barnsley
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Wycliffe House
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Kind regards,

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