



My Ref: EIR 6705
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Environmental Information Regulations 2004

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: -

Please treat this as a request for environmental information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

I request the current evidence base being used by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to prepare or determine its Five Year Housing Land Supply (“5YHLS”) position as at 1 April 2026, covering the five-year period 2026/27 to 2030/31. I am seeking existing documents, datasets and recorded information held by the Council. I am not asking the Council to undertake new analysis, create new information, or reconstruct an evidence base which it does not already hold. Please provide the following:

- 1. The most recent recorded version of the Council’s 1 April 2026 5YHLS assessment, calculation, trajectory or working schedule, whether or not formally approved, finalised or published, together with any associated site schedule.**

For the avoidance of doubt, I am not requesting the Council’s previously published 2024/29 five-year housing land supply position, except where any document, calculation, assumption or dataset from that exercise has been carried forward into, or is being actively relied upon in, the 1 April 2026 assessment.

No such document exists for the Council’s 1 April 2026 5YHLS.

- 2. The underlying spreadsheet, database extract or other working dataset used for the 1 April 2026 assessment, showing, where recorded:**
 - the housing requirement used;
 - any shortfall or backlog included;
 - any buffer applied;
 - the sites included within the five-year supply;
 - the number of dwellings attributed to each site; and
 - anticipated delivery by monitoring year from 2026/27 to 2030/31.

Where this information is held in spreadsheet or structured-data format, I would prefer it in its original electronic format, such as XLS, XLSX, ODS or CSV, rather than converted to PDF.

No such document exists for the Council's 1 April 2026 5YHLS.

3. The site-specific evidence presently relied upon by the Council to support the deliverability assumptions in the 1 April 2026 trajectory or site schedule, including, where held as part of the Council's 5YHLS evidence base:

- **developer, landowner or agent delivery questionnaires or proformas;**
- **delivery statements or delivery programmes;**
- **correspondence from developers, landowners or agents confirming anticipated commencement, phasing, annual delivery or build-out;**
- **site assessment sheets;**
- **records specifically prepared to assess whether a site is deliverable within the five-year period; and**
- **other documents expressly relied upon by the Council to support the delivery figure attributed to a site.**

I am not requesting all correspondence held by the Council relating to every housing site. This part of the request is limited to documents which have been identified, retained or relied upon as evidence supporting the delivery assumptions used in the Council's 1 April 2026 assessment.

Relevant developers, land owners and agents have not yet been contacted regarding the 1 April 2026 5YHLS.

4. The latest housing monitoring data used in preparing the 1 April 2026 assessment, including:

- **site-by-site housing completions for 2025/26; and**
- **the housing commitments, permissions or site-monitoring dataset used for the assessment at, or as close as practicable to, 1 April 2026.**

If the Council has not yet completed or published its 1 April 2026 5YHLS statement, this request is intended to capture the current recorded evidence and working material being used to prepare that assessment, rather than the previous published 2024 position.

Where any responsive information is already publicly available, I am content for the Council to provide a direct link to the specific document or dataset.

Where personal information can properly be withheld, I am content for names, personal email addresses, telephone numbers and similar personal data to be redacted rather than for the substantive document to be withheld.

The Council has not yet commenced its 1 April 2026 5YHLS statement and associated evidence base analysis.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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