



My Ref: EIR/5877
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 provide a bulk extract of planning applications received by Barnsley for the period 2020 to 2024 (or the most recent five years available), including the following fields for each application:

- 1. Application reference number**
- 2. Application type (full, outline, householder, change of use, etc.)**
- 3. Application status (approved, refused, withdrawn, pending)**
- 4. Date received**
- 5. Date decided (if applicable)**
- 6. Ward or locality**
- 7. Brief description of development**
- 8. Applicant type (individual, company, public body) — if held**

A CSV or Excel export from your planning portal would satisfy this request. I am aware that many councils already publish planning data through planning portals; if a bulk download is available publicly, please direct me to it.

Under Regulation 6(1)(b) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, the Council is not obliged to comply with a request to provide information in a specific format where the information is already publicly available and easily accessible in another form or format.

In this case, the Council makes planning information available on its website via the Planning Explorer, which can be accessed at the following link: [Home](#)

The Council has no way of exporting excel or csv data from its planning system in the format requested and any attempt to do so manually to comply with the request would require an extensive amount of resource to complete.

You may also find the following government published statistics helpful, as they provide both recent and historical datasets on planning activity: [Planning applications in England: July to September 2025 - statistical release - GOV.UK](#)

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

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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