



My Ref: FOI 6414
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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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: -

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to request information regarding the council's managed parking spaces over the last 10 calendar/financial years (from 2016 to the current year, 2026).

Specifically, for each year between 2016 and 2026 inclusive, please provide the following data broken down by year:

- Entirely Free On-Street Parking: The total number of designated on-street parking spaces within the local authority area that are entirely free of charge at all times.

The Council does not hold a central dataset recording the number of designated on-street parking spaces that are entirely free of charge at all times. To provide this information would require a comprehensive review of Traffic Regulation Orders, highway records and individual parking locations across the borough for each year requested (2016 to 2026).

- Partially Free On-Street Parking: The total number of on-street parking spaces that are free during certain hours/days (e.g., free overnight, during early mornings, evenings, or weekends) but metered or restricted (for example to resident permit-holders) at other times.

The Council does not hold this information in a reportable format. Determining the number of parking spaces that are free during certain periods but restricted or charged at other times would require a manual review of Traffic Regulation Orders and site records for each year requested.

- Free Off-Street Parking: The total number of parking spaces within council-operated off-street car parks that are entirely free of charge.

The Council does not hold historical records showing the total number of free parking spaces within council-operated off-street car parks for each year between 2016 and 2026. Whilst current parking arrangements are known for individual sites, the requested historical information is not recorded in a format that would allow the figures to be extracted without significant manual research.

- Electric Vehicle (EV) Parking: The total number of parking spaces (both on-street and off-street) that are exclusively reserved for electric vehicle charging or parking.

The number of electric charging spaces in BMBC car parks is 72. To find out about non BMBC charging spaces you can find locations on national databases such as www.Zapmap.com.

If data for the full calendar year of 2026 is not yet complete, please provide the most up-to-date figures available at the time of this request, or state the specific date range the 2026 data covers. If the council records this data by financial year rather than calendar year, please provide the figures on that basis instead.

If the section 12 cost limit is exceeded for any part of this request, please prioritise the most recent data (starting with 2026 and working backward) or advise me on how I might refine my request to fit within the limit.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide the information requested. At present, Barnsley Council does not hold this data in a digital format.

Our Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs), which govern parking restrictions and designated parking places, have not yet been fully digitised. As a result, we do not currently maintain an authoritative digital dataset of PRM (disabled) parking spaces that we can share externally.

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:

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Kind regards,

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