



My Ref: FOI 5880
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: -

1. A description of the preventative measures currently in place to reduce the risk of pest infestations at council-owned or council-managed sites. This should cover the full range of sites under the Council's control, including (but not limited to) housing stock, council offices, depots, public spaces, parks, and any other land or buildings managed by or on behalf of the Council. Please address each category of site, even if only briefly, rather than limiting the response to housing or tenant-facing services.

The Council work in accordance with the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949. Section 1 part 2 of the act. The duty of the Council to take steps to secure so far as practicable that their district is kept free from rats and mice. We carry out inspections where necessary on reports on signs of rodents. The Council will eliminate rats and mice on land and buildings.

2. Details of any policies, procedures, guidance, or standard operating procedures used to ensure that pest prevention and control activities comply with:

- a. Relevant legislation (including environmental health and animal welfare requirements)
- b. Any internal council standards or best-practice guidance.

Please visit www.thinkwildlife.org/crru-uk which are approved regulations and practices for the council

3. Information on how the Council monitors and ensures compliance with these preventative measures and guidelines, including:

- a. Any inspection, audit, or review processes, including the frequency of such processes, who is responsible for conducting them, and whether any independent or external scrutiny is applied

All pest control jobs are managed through our works management system which includes all inspections, treatments and statutory reports. All pest control works are all completed by in-house staff.

- b. The role of officers, teams, or contractors in overseeing compliance

To deal with all types of pest for Council Buildings (when required), Council Land and the Councils housing stock.

- c. What action is taken, or what escalation process exists, where non-compliance or a failure of preventative measures is identified

Where pests are found on private property we will serve the landlord notice as per the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949.

4. Where pest control services are delivered by external contractors, please confirm:

- a. What policies or codes of practice relating to prevention and control that external contractors are expected to comply with**
- b. How the Council assures itself that those requirements are being met**

Pest Control is In-House.

Please note that I'm not asking for a site-by-site or case-by-case breakdown. A high-level overview is fine. If you're withholding any part of this response under an exemption, please let me know which exemption applies and provide the rest of the information.

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,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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