



My Ref: FOI 6560
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: -

- 1. How many times has the council ordered the removal of a cooling air conditioning unit from a residential property since 1 January 2025? If known, please provide a brief reason for the removal order.**

The Council does not hold recorded information relating to the number of occasions on which it has ordered the removal of a cooling air conditioning unit from a residential property. Enquiries have been made with relevant service areas and officers, and no records have been identified, nor is there any known instance of such an order having been issued during the period specified.

- 2. How many planning permission applications have been received for the installation of a cooling air conditioning unit at a residential property since 1 January 2025 and how many of these were approved?**

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council confirms that it holds information falling within the scope of your request. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Information Accessible to the Applicant by Other Means).

Section 21 applies where the requested information is already reasonably accessible to the applicant. Information relating to planning applications, including application details and decision outcomes, is publicly available through the Council's Planning Explorer website.

You can access this information using the following link:

<https://applications.barnsley.gov.uk/online-applications/>

The Planning Explorer allows users to search planning application records and view application details, supporting documents and decision notices. By carrying out a search using relevant keywords, proposal descriptions or application dates, it is possible to identify applications relating to air conditioning units and determine whether they were approved.

As the information is already publicly available and reasonably accessible, the Council is not required to provide it in response to your request under Section 21 of the Act.

Section 21 is an absolute exemption, and therefore no public interest test is required.

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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