



My Ref: FOI4904  
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: -

**I see that some roundabouts were painted with a red cross, these have now been painted over, i would like to know how much the council has paid for each roundabout to be re painted, and which company was used, and where is the company based.**

The costs associated with the removal of graffiti from the Highway, linked to unauthorised painting of roundabouts is c.£6,000.

We have determined that providing any information regarding third party contractors linked to this request would present a real risk to the safety and wellbeing of the individuals involved. There is concern that revealing who delivers works for BMBC regarding the removal of any attachments could cause them to be targeted with abuse, threats or violence. The council does not believe there is legitimate public interest in knowing who carries out the works but how much they cost. As such, the potential for harm outweighs the public interest in disclosure in this instance. Therefore, under Section 38(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this information is exempt from disclosure.

**Are the contractors already on barnsley council books, if so what does their weekly job usually do when its not painting roundabouts.**

Anyone engaged to carry out work on behalf of the Council would do so in accordance with the Council's published procurement strategy. Details can be found here - [Council tenders and contracts](#) – including links to the published contracts register.

**Also some flags have been removed from lampposts and other places, if this was the council can you also give me the costs involved in removing the english flags and same which company was used and what is their normal job, or have new contracts been given to another company just to remove flags and paint over roundabouts.**

The costs associated with the removal of unlicensed flags from the Highway, is c.£5,000.

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**Lastly whos decision was it to have flags removed and roundabouts painted over and who chose the contractors? Were any other contractors given the chance to quote for this work doing?**

Answer - Barnsley MBC is the Highway Authority for the borough of Barnsley. As Highway Authority, Barnsley MBC has powers and responsibilities under the Highways Act 1980 and other statutory provision relating to the highway and road safety.

Section 97 of the Highways Act 1980 allows for the Highway Authority to light the highway, and as such construct and maintain such lamps, posts and other works as they consider necessary. Once constructed any street light becomes part of the highway.

Section 132 of the Highways Act states that you cannot affix any item to the Highway, without the consent of the Highway Authority.

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.

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Information Requests Team  
PO Box 634  
Barnsley  
S70 9GG  
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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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