



My Ref: FOI5573
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: -

Please provide details of any complaints relating to light nuisance (including artificial light pollution or excessive external lighting) received by the council between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2025.

For this period, I would be grateful if you could provide:

- 1. The total number of light nuisance complaints received.**

The total number of light nuisance complaints received in the specified timescale is 184.

- 2. A breakdown of complaints by source type, specifically residential buildings (for example, private homes or flats) and commercial buildings or premises (for example, offices, retail, industrial, or hospitality sites)**

After considering your request I have decided to refuse it under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. This is because it is estimated that the time taken to provide the information would exceed the appropriate limit of £450, equivalent to 18 hours of staff time.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act is a provision which allows a public authority to refuse to comply with the request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed a set limit known as the appropriate limit.

We cannot categorise the different source types without going through each individual complaint. It is estimated that it would take 10 minutes per record of which there are 184 and this would equate to over 30 hours of staff time.

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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