



My Ref: FOI/ 5454
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: -

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting information relating to winter road gritting and salting activity carried out by your authority.

This request relates to gritting and salting activity carried out on public highways maintained by your authority.

If your authority does not have responsibility for winter road gritting, please confirm accordingly.

For the purposes of this request, please define winter in line with the meteorological winter, running from 1 December to the final day of February (28 or 29 February), as defined by the UK Met Office.

If your authority records winter maintenance activity using a different operational definition or time period, please provide the data using your recorded definition and clearly state the date range covered.

Please provide the following information for each of the last three winter seasons:

Winter 2023/24

Winter 2024/25

Winter 2025/26 (to date)

1) Gritting activity

a) The total number of days on which gritting or salting was carried out.

Winter 2023/24 – 55 days

Winter 2024/25 – 73 days

Winter 2025/26 – 41 days

b) The total number of gritting or salting runs undertaken.

Winter 2023/24 – 582 routes

Winter 2024/25 – 984 routes

Winter 2025/26 – 636 routes

c) The total distance of road treated through gritting or salting activity, measured in miles or kilometres.

Winter 2023/24 – 33,816 Km

Winter 2024/25 – 54,744 Km

Winter 2025/26 – 34,580 Km

If distance is not recorded, please confirm accordingly.

2) Time and resource use (where recorded)

a) The total number of staff hours spent on gritting or salting activity.

Not recorded

b) The total number of vehicle hours spent on gritting or salting activity.

Not Recorded

3) Costs and budgets

a) The total amount spent on gritting and salting operations in each winter period.

23/24 - £1,016,468

24/25 - £1,624,652

25/26 - £739,347 - to date.

b) The allocated budget for winter road gritting and salting for each winter period.

£610,710 for each year

4) Priority routes

Please confirm whether your authority operates designated priority or “snow routes” for winter maintenance.

9 Priority routes, 17 Secondary Routes

5) Network coverage

a) The total length of the highway network maintained by your authority (in miles or kilometres).

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1080 km

b) The approximate length or percentage of this network that is included within precautionary or priority gritting routes.

535 Km Primary 152 Km Secondary

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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