



My Ref: FOI/ 4635
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: -

Please provide the following data for the period from 12 February 2024 to the date of your response.

Planning Application Decisions:

- **The total number of planning applications refused where failure to meet the statutory Biodiversity Net Gain requirement was a primary or contributing reason for refusal.**

There have been no applications refused within the specified period where failure to meet the statutory Biodiversity Net Gain requirement was a primary or contributing reason for refusal. Where applications have been subject to BNG, they have either submitted relevant supporting information, or this has been requested following validation and submitted later in the application process.

- **The total number of planning applications that have been delayed or had a decision withheld pending the submission or approval of a satisfactory BNG plan.**

BNG plans are submitted to discharge the biodiversity gain condition and aren't required at the application stage.

- **Length of Delays:**
- **For the applications delayed due to BNG requirements (as identified in question 1), what has been the average length of the delay, measured in weeks, from the initial target decision date?**
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We don't have any formal statistics on the reason for delays of applications and the average length of delay as the reasons for delays can be very wide ranging for a planning application.

BNG Enforcement:

- **The total number of enforcement actions or formal investigations the council has initiated related to non-compliance with BNG obligations on approved developments.**

None within the specified period.

- **The total number of financial penalties or fines that have been issued by the council for breaches of BNG requirements and the total monetary value (£) of these penalties.**

None within the specified period.

Reasons for Planning Delays (Context):

- **A list of the five most common reasons cited for delays in determining planning applications within your council since 12 February 2024. If possible, please indicate the percentage of total delays each reason accounts for, to help contextualise the impact of BNG relative to other factors.**

As mentioned previously we don't have any formal statistics on the reason for delays of applications and the average length of delay as the reasons for delays can be very wide ranging for a planning application.

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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