



My Ref: FOI 6496
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 would like to request the following information from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council's planning department:

- 1. The total number of planning applications submitted for a change of use to Use Class C2 (Residential Institutions), specifically for children's residential care homes, over the last 5 years (2021–2026), broken down by electoral ward, across all wards in the Barnsley district. For clarity, this includes: Athersley & New Lodge, Central, Cudworth, Darfield & Great Houghton, Darton East, Darton West, Dearne North, Dearne South, Dodworth, Stainborough & Tankersley, Hoyland Milton, Kingstone, Monk Bretton, North East, Old Town, Penistone East, Penistone West, Rockingham, Royston, Stairfoot, Wombwell, and Worsbrough.**

You can use our publicly available 'Planning explorer' website to search for these types of planning application. This can be found via
<https://planningexplorer.barnsley.gov.uk/>

You may wish to use the advance search facility tool and search C2 under the keyword field which will return results of planning applications of this type
<https://planningexplorer.barnsley.gov.uk/Home/AdvanceSearch>

- 2. For each application identified above, please provide: the ward, the outcome (approved, refused, withdrawn, or pending), and the date of decision.**

Please see above

- 3. Please confirm whether any Article 4 Direction is currently in place removing permitted development rights for C3-to-C2 changes of use in any ward, and if so, which wards are affected.**

Please see above

- 4. Please confirm whether the Council has adopted any Supplementary Planning Document, planning policy, or informal guidance relating to a minimum distance or spacing requirement between children's homes, and if so, please provide a copy.**

No supplementary planning document exists for children's homes

I understand you are required to respond within 20 working days. If the scope of this request would exceed the appropriate cost limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, please contact me to discuss narrowing the request — for example, I would be willing to prioritise data for Cudworth, Dodworth, Royston, Wombwell, and Worsbrough in the first instance, with the remaining wards to follow if feasible.

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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