BARNSLEY
Metropolitan Borough Council

My Ref: FOI/4430
Your Ref:
Date: 22/05/2025
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: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

The information requested regarding the flats above the Community Shop, Hoyland (Former Hoyland Town Hall) and my findings are as follows:-

1. **Council Tax (or Business rates) collected over the previous 3 financial years.**

   There are 21 residential properties above the Company Shop, Hoyland. All of which are in Band A for council tax purposes. Further information regarding the annual charge for a Band A property can be found on our website www.barnsley.gov.uk

2. **If full or partial rate relief (or exemption) has been given, please supply the rational and the approved relief application form and/or copies of agreements with the responsible organisation.**

   The council applies Section 40(5B) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and refuses to confirm or deny it holds information in relation to rate reliefs for these properties.

3. **Amount of any outstanding Council Tax/Business rates, and actions undertaken to recover.**

   The council applies Section 40(5B) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and refuses to confirm or deny it holds information in relation to outstanding debts for any specific properties.

4. **Information regarding approaches for potential use of this accommodation for assisted accommodation (e.g. similar/like provided by MySpace housing solutions for vulnerable people) and/or for the housing of migrants/asylum seekers. Information sought is name of party who approached, nature of accommodation sought, input to BMBC from other organisations and BMBC concerns and challengers on suitability. (It is understood approaches would need to be made to BMBC for such accommodation, and BMBC would be involved e.g. to ensure appropriate support is available to potential new residents in these categories, and to ensure that surrounding residents and businesses are not impacted e.g. community safety, access to health care etc).**

   The council applies Section 38(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to this aspect of the request and refuses to confirm or deny any information is held. However, no contacts have been received by any other parties or regarding the housing of migrants/asylum seekers.

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:

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Information Requests Team
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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
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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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