



My Ref: FOI 6134
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: -

As part of my Master's dissertation, I am investigating the relationship between the political composition of planning committees and the decisions they make. Please could you supply the following information for the time period May 2020 – May 2026 (could you please supply for years running May-May as this will line up with any changes as a result of elections):

1. The number of Members on your Planning Committee for each year

2020 – 26 Members

Councillors T. Cave, Danforth, Eastwood, Fielding, Frost, Gillis, Gollick, Green, Greenhough, David Griffin, Hand-Davis, Hayward, Higginbottom, W Johnson, Leech, Makinson, Markham, McCarthy, Mitchell, Noble, Phillips, Smith, Spence, Stowe, Richardson, Wright

2021 – 26 Members

Councillors Cain, Coates, Crisp, Danforth, M. Dyson, Eastwood, Fielding, Franklin, Frost, Gillis, Greenhough, Hand-Davis, D. Higginbottom, Gollick, Leech, Lofts, Makinson, Markham, Mitchell, Noble, Richardson, Risebury, Smith, Spence, Tattersall and Wright

2022 – 26 Members

Councillors Bellamy, Bowler, Cain, Clarke, Coates, Crisp, Danforth, M Dyson, Eastwood, P Fielding, Gillis, Greenhough, Hayward, Leech, Lofts, Makinson, McCarthy, Mitchell, Peace, Richardson, Shirt, Smith, Tattersall, Webster, White, and Wray

2023 – 26 Members

Councillors Bowler, Burnett, Crisp, Greenhough, Hayward, Leech, Lofts, McCarthy, Mitchell, Moore, Morrell, O'Donoghue, Peace, Pickering, Ramchandani, Richardson, Risebury, Sheard, Smith, Sumner, Webster, A Wray, C Wray, Wilson, N Wright and P Wright

2024 – 26 Members

Councillors Barnard, Bowler, Bullcock, Coates, Dyson, Greenhough, Hayward, Holling, Leech, Lofts, McCarthy, Mitchell, Moore, Morrell, Nayeri, O'Donoghue, Peace, Pearson, Richardson, Roberts, Smith, Sumner, Webster, A Wray, C Wray, and N Wright

2025 – 18 Members

Councillors Barnard, Bellamy, Coates, Dyson, Greenhough, Hayward, Leech, Lofts, Mitchell, Nayeri, Peace, Pickering, Richardson, Roberts, Smith, Sumner. C Wray and N Wright

2026 – 18 Members

To be appointed at Annual Council on 29 May.

2. The political composition of the Planning Committee for each year (i.e. how many Members there are for each political party)

2020 Political Composition

- Labour Group 20
- Barnsley Independent and Independent Group 2
- Liberal Democrat Group 2
- Conservative Group 1
- Independent 1

2021 Political Composition

- Labour Group 20
- Barnsley Independent and Independent Group 2
- Conservative Group 1
- Liberal Democrat Group 3

2022 Political Composition

- Labour Group 19
- Barnsley Independent and Independent Group 2
- Conservative Group 1
- Liberal Democrat Group 4

2023 Political Composition

- Labour Group 20
- Conservative Group 1
- Independent 1
- Liberal Democrat Group 4

2024 Political Composition

- Labour Group 20
- Liberal Democrat Group 4
- Conservative 1
- Independent 1

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2025 Political Composition

Labour Group 13

Liberal Democrat Group 4

Conservative 1

2026 (Proposed) Political Composition

Reform UK Group 12

Labour Group 3

Liberal Democrat Group 2

Independent 1

3. The number of planning applications determined at Planning Committee for each year

This information is publicly available at the link here: [Browse meetings - Planning Regulatory Board](#)

4. The number of each decision type at Planning Committee for each year (grant/refuse/defer)

This information is publicly available at the link here: [Browse meetings - Planning Regulatory Board](#)

5. The number of decisions made in line with the officer recommendation, and the number made against officer recommendation for each year.

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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.

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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