



My Ref: FOI 5911
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: -

I would like information about your council's lobbying work in relation to climate action for the Council Climate Action Scorecards.

In particular, please supply me with information relating to the following questions:

Has the council written to or met with UK, national or devolved governments to ask or lobby for climate action since 1st January 2024?

Please provide some evidence of the most recent letter or meeting such as a copy of the letter or email sent, or the date, topic of meeting and position of the person that the meeting was held with.

This includes either asking for more powers and funding for local authorities to take climate action, or asking for the government to take further action themselves. This includes working with other local authorities to send joint letters or meetings to lobby UK or devolved governments, and includes both general climate action and calls for action on specific issues such as transport where climate change is mentioned as a motivating factor for taking action. This includes if a cabinet member or other councillor has written to or met with the UK or devolved governments on behalf of the council.

Barnsley Council has not individually lobbied for climate action since 1st January 2019, however, the Council is active with a number of groups including the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) and the South Yorkshire Climate Commission who have written to government to collectively ask for change.

The Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission is not a lobbying organisation and they only make representations to government bodies. Their work is closely informed by the invaluable input that local authorities provide and the Commission seeks to articulate where there is broad consensus, as well as exploring where there is disagreement.

For further information and details of letters and government consultation responses, please contact the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission – email: info@yorksandhumberclimate.org.uk

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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Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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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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