



My Ref: EIR 6121
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Environmental Information Regulations 2004

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 recorded information:

1. Your written policy and procedure governing the acceptance, handling, and disposal of asbestos-containing materials (ACM) or products suspected to contain asbestos.

The information requested is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as it is reasonably accessible by other means. The information can be found at the below link:

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/pollution/asbestos-disposal/>

2. The method you recommend for disposal, which could be: Waste disposal facility. Council contracted removal. Self disposal by residents.

Asbestos found fly tipped around the Barnsley borough is referred for collection via a third-party company. Barnsley Council does not directly handle or process this material.

Residents in Barnsley can bring asbestos from their own home to a Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC), with a free, prior booking made online. The HWRC is operated via a third-party contractor Guidelines are provided (below) on how to deposit the asbestos in our specialist locked container:

‘Only asbestos loads that are pre-booked will be accepted and must meet the criteria below:

- A maximum of eight bags, packages or a combination of both to the total of eight, per property
- Whole sheets must be no bigger than 6ft x 4ft in order to fit into the container
- Must be double wrapped in 1000-gauge polythene, securely taped and sealed
- The Councils will accept asbestos at designated sites at specified times by pre-booked (online) appointment only.

Before visiting site, residents must prepare the asbestos for acceptance:

- Double wrap all material in 1000-gauge thick polythene and seal securely or use special asbestos bags for smaller pieces in line with the control of asbestos regulations 2012

- Disclaimer: It is not advised for residents to break-up pieces of asbestos. The use of personal protective equipment such as gloves, goggles and a mask will likely reduce the risk of illness relating to handling and moving asbestos. Any personal protective equipment used in the removal of the asbestos must also be double wrapped in 1000-gauge thick polythene and seal securely or use special asbestos bags for smaller pieces
- Failure to ensure that the asbestos is correctly packaged, as per the guidance provided will result in Service users not being able to deposit the material and directed to leave site
- Asbestos generated through commercial activity cannot be accepted at the HWRC
- Personal protective equipment such as eye protection and a face mask are suggested when using the asbestos container and should be provided by the resident
- Site staff are unable to physically assist with the disposal of asbestos; they will unlock the opening for you to dispose of the packages yourself
- The asbestos container's opening is located 142 cm from the ground, therefore please ensure you can lift the packages to this height safely, you may wish to bring someone suitable with you to help you lift.'

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
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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: -

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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