



My Ref: FOI/ 5336
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 am requesting recorded information held by the council regarding Assets of Community Value (ACVs).

The Council has a process under which qualifying Community organisations can nominate ACV this can be accessed at <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/community-and-volunteering/assets-of-community-value-and-right-to-bid/> access to this site includes properties currently nominated.

Specifically:

1. Does the authority have a published Community Asset Transfer policy?

Barnsley Council current community Asset Transfer Policy can be found at <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/19836/cat-procedure.pdf> which sets out the process.

- a. If it does, please provide a web-link to the policy.
- b. If it doesn't, is Community Asset Transfer (CAT) integrated into another policy within your local authority – such as wider asset management strategies or voluntary, community and social enterprise policies? Please provide a web-link to this, if so.
- c. If it doesn't, does the authority have a CAT policy that is not- published / only available on request? Please provide a copy if available, if so.

2. If the authority has a CAT policy (whether integrated into another strategy or a non-published policy), when was this last updated or reviewed?

The process was last reviewed in 2021.

3. How many land or building assets has the authority transferred to community ownership* through Community Asset Transfer in the following time periods (financial years): 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25?

* For the purpose of this question, please provide the number of assets that have been transferred using the General Disposal Consent (England) 2003 (Local Government Act 1972), which enables the transfer of assets at less than best or nil consideration to achieve a defined community benefit.

4. Of those assets that have been transferred, how many are on:

- a. A freehold agreement.**
- b. A long lease of at least 25 years or more.**
- c. A lease of between 5 years and 25 years.**
- d. A lease of less than 5 years.**

Please provide this information for the same time periods as for the answer to question 3 if possible.

The information requested above is set out in the table below;

Completion date	UPRN1	Description	Type
20-Jan-22	C00162	Dodworth Miners Welfare	50 Year Lease (CAT)
13-Jan-22	A00676	Playing Field, Former Elmhirst School site, Worsbrough	10 Year Lease (CAT)
22-Jun-21	A00108	Houghton Road Recreation Ground, Thurnscoe	25yr Lease (CAT)
11-Aug-22	A01032	Worsbrough Common Community Centre	Lease and underlease (CAT)
27-Apr-23	A00505	Land adj Sports Pavilion, Wood View	20yr Lease (CAT)
12-Feb-25	B00202	Birdwell Community Centre, Birdwell	Surrender and new lease (CAT)

5. Currently, how many land or building assets does the authority own in total? Please exclude social housing assets from this total.

Barnsley Council currently hold 2559 land and property assets.

6. How many of the authority's land and building assets are currently identified as potential assets available for CAT? Please state if you do not review assets available for CAT in this way.

Applications made under the Community Asset Transfer Policy are considered on an individual basis, subject to viable business plans demonstrating social well-being and economic outputs which are supported by the Council.

The Council does not hold a list of assets available for transfer.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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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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