



My Ref: FOI 5980
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 would like to request information relating to penalties issued to light commercial vehicles (vans) across the UK.

For the purposes of this request, “van” refers to light goods vehicles (LGVs) or light commercial vehicles (LCVs), where this classification is recorded.

Please provide the data separately for 2024 and 2025 (to date or the most recent available period).

After considering your request I have decided to refuse it under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. This is because it is estimated that the time taken to provide the information would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours. We do not record vehicle model, only the make. As this data is not held in an easily retrievable format, we would have to look at each individual PCN to find the model. There are over 10,000 PCNs and each PCN would take 5 minutes to check the vehicle model.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act is a provision which allows a public authority to refuse to comply with the request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed a set limit known as the appropriate limit. In this case it is estimated that to search for the information you have requested it will take more than the 18 hours, equivalent to a cost of £450 and this is the basis of the decision

1. Parking Enforcement (PCNs)

- **Total number of Penalty Charge Notices issued to vans.**
- **Breakdown of PCNs issued to vans by contravention type, where recorded, including, but not limited to:**
 - parking on restricted roads or areas
 - yellow line violations
 - overstaying permitted parking
 - pay-and-display or permit breaches

2. Loading & Unloading Violations

- **Total number of PCNs issued to vans for loading/unloading related offences.**
- **Where recorded, breakdown of reasons, including, but not limited to:**

- loading restrictions
- unloading in prohibited zones
- misuse of loading bays
- time-restricted loading violations

3. Permit & Access Zone Violations

- Total number of PCNs issued to vans relating to permit or access restrictions.
- Where recorded, breakdown of reasons, including, but not limited to:
 - resident or business permit breaches
 - restricted zone entry without authorisation
 - failure to display valid exemptions

4. Moving Traffic Offences

- Total number of Penalty Charge Notices issued to vans for moving traffic offences.
- Where recorded, breakdown by offence type, including, but not limited to:
 - bus lane violations
 - yellow box junction offences
 - banned turns or restricted manoeuvres
 - no entry or restricted road access breaches

5. Summary Totals (if available)

- Total number of PCNs issued to vans overall.
- Total revenue generated from PCNs issued to vans (if held).

If any part of this request exceeds the cost limit under Section 12 of the FOI Act, please advise how it may be refined so that it can be processed within the appropriate limit.

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
 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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