

My Ref: FOI/4275

Your Ref:

Date: 15/04/2025

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: -

Please find below a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

- 1.How many complaints related to Japanese Knotweed in domestic gardens did the council receive in the following years; 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021and 2020
- 2. Of the above complaints relating to Japanese knotweed in domestic gardens, how many of the following actions were taken in 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020.
 - a. Section 80; Abatement Notice under the Environmental Protection 1990 and under which subsection.
 - b. Community Protection Notice under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014
- 3. Please provide a link or attachment of any policy or procedure related to Japanese knotweed complaints the local authority uses when handling complaints on the invasive plant.

BMBC does not hold information relating to your request. We refer complainants to the Environment Agency.

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

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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