



My Ref: FOI/6468
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 provide me with a list of the names of Copilot agents created by the authority that exist at the present time (if any). For each of these agents, please also provide the 'Description' and 'Instructions' text that appears on the Copilot overview page for the agent.

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council have determined that the information you have requested is exempt under Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which says that information may be withheld if the public authority deems that its disclosure would, or be likely to, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council believes that disclosing this data in further detail would release detailed information that could be used in a cyber-attack, which are an ever-increasing threat to public authorities, thus prejudicing the prevention of crime.

Releasing this information would allow potential attackers to understand how the Council is using AI and areas of weakness that may be exposed, by the levels of detail requested.

As the exemption is subject to the public interest test we have considered this accordingly. Whilst we recognise there is significant interest in this information, specifically around AI and its use cases, we consider that the public interest in maintaining the above exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure. The Council believes that in this case the greater public interest lies in withholding the information in order to protect the integrity of the Council's IT infrastructure.

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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