



My Ref: FOI4542
Your Ref:
Date: 10/06/2025
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: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

Please provide responses to the following:

- 1 - Whether the council maintains records of public complaints or reports of engine idling.**
- 2 - How many reports or complaints about engine idling have been made, broken down monthly from January 2020 to the most recent month in 2025?**
- 3 - The number of fines issued for engine idling offences, broken down monthly for each calendar year from January 2020 to the most recent month in 2025.**
- 4 - The total revenue generated from these fines, also provided as a monthly breakdown for the same period.**
- 5 - The number of verbal or written warnings issued for engine idling, broken down monthly from January 2020 to the most recent month in 2025.**
- 6 - The location or street name/postcode where each fine or warning was issued, if available.**
- 7 - The current fixed penalty amount for engine idling offences.**
- 8 - Whether the council operates any designated “anti-idling zones” (e.g., around schools, hospitals, or town centres). If so, please provide a list of these zones.**
- 9 - Whether the council has a specific enforcement policy or procedure for engine idling (e.g., how long a vehicle must idle before action is taken, whether a warning is required first, what evidence is needed, etc.).**
- 10 - Whether civil enforcement officers or other staff are authorised to issue engine idling fines. If so, how many currently hold this authority?**

11 - The minimum idling time required before a fine or warning can be issued (e.g., 1 minute, 2 minutes).

12 - The number of engine idling fines that have been appealed, cancelled, or remain unpaid, broken down monthly from January 2020 to the most recent month in 2025.

13 - Whether the council has considered or implemented a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) or any similar legal instrument to support engine idling enforcement.

I would appreciate it if the information could be provided in a digital format, such as a spreadsheet (.xls/.csv) or document, for ease of analysis.

If any of the above data is only available in financial years (rather than calendar years), please make this clear and provide the information in that format instead.

If any part of this request is available sooner than the rest, I would welcome partial responses.

If fulfilling the full request would exceed the cost limit outlined in Section 12 of the Act, please advise what information could be provided within the limit.

We do not record data relating to engine idling.

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
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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: -

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Kind regards,

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