BARNSLEY
Metropolitan Borough Council

My Ref: FOI4757
Your Ref:
Date: 31/07/2025
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: -

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding chewing gum removal for the financial years 2019/20 to 2023/24 inclusive:

Chewing Gum Removal Costs

The total cost incurred by the council for chewing gum removal in each of these years.

Area Covered

If recorded, the approximate area cleaned (in square metres) for each year.

External Funding

Has the council received any external funding (e.g. from DEFRA or Keep Britain Tidy) specifically for chewing gum removal during this period?
If yes, please provide the amount received and year awarded.

If Cost Data Is Not Held Separately:

If your authority does not hold chewing gum removal costs separately from general street cleansing budgets, please confirm:
Whether chewing gum removal is carried out at all, and

If so, whether it is delivered as part of broader cleansing operations.

Format & Scope

Please provide the data in spreadsheet or tabular format if possible.

If any part of this request is likely to exceed the FOI cost threshold, please advise on how it may be refined to stay within the limit.

We do not operate a chewing gum removal service.

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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