

9 August 2019  
Our ref: 5535748

Thank you for your request received on 6 August 2019, for the following information:

***Please can you provide me with the following information.***

***1. A breakdown of all costs to Barnet Council related to the creation/set up/ running/ closing down of the Mill Hill Neighbourhood forum since its inception to current date.***

***2. Any grants etc given to the MHNF***

***3. Any copy of accounts etc supplied to Barnet Council by the Mill Hill Neighbourhood forum***

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

## **Response**

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested. However, we consider that the following exceptions apply to some of the information requested.

**1. A breakdown of all costs to Barnet Council related to the creation/set up/ running/ closing down of the Mill Hill Neighbourhood forum since its inception to current date.**

We consider that Regulation 6(1)(b) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already publicly available and easily accessible.

Refer to section 5.2 on Resources of the Planning Committee report of 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019. <https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s54671/Re-designation%20of%20Mill%20Hill%20Neighbourhood%20Plan%20Area%20and%20Forum.pdf>

To date the primary cost to the Council associated with the MHNP application has been officer support time. This has been absorbed by Re and thus contained within existing budgets. No specific allocation of Council resources has been approved to support expenditure relating to production of Neighbourhood Development Plans or Re-designation of the Forum.

**2. Any grants etc given to the MHNF**

Local planning authorities are not required to financially support production of Neighbourhood Development Plans.

### **3. Any copy of accounts etc supplied to Barnet Council by the Mill Hill Neighbourhood forum**

Local planning authorities are not required to oversee any accounts of any Neighbourhood Development Plan Forums.

Under the Localism Act, support for Neighbourhood Forums is available directly from the Government - the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

### **Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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