

London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW 27 March 2020 Our ref: 6181288

Thank you for your request received on 11 March 2020, for the following information:

Thornfield Allotments of Thornfield Avenue, NW7 used to be under Barnet Council control but passed to being run by its members. I am a member of that association. We have a water meter (number 13376764) but no-one knows what water company it is with. We are not paying a water bill because we are not contacted by any company or know who to contact ourselves. I have made enquiries of several water companies without success and it appears it could be any company. Does Barnet Council have any record of who they paid water rates to for the allotment when they had responsibility for it?

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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We have checked our records and we do not have a record of paying for the water meter no. 13376764 at the Thornfield Allotment site.

This information request has also been forwarded to the Energy Resource, Facilities and the Estate Business Support teams to see if any historical data can be found. Unfortunately they have been able to find any further information on the water meter at this site to date.

The Energy Resource team have advised that Affinity Water are the wholesale supplier for that area. However we have contacted both Castle Water Ltd and Affinity for Business who have confirmed that they do not have a record of this meter number either. Affinity have advised that they can investigate this further if the Allotment society can take a photo of the meter and can take a note of the make of the meter. Affinity can then investigate this further and register the supply if

necessary. We advise the Allotment Society to go back to Affinity with this information for further investigation, their contact details are: Tel: 0345 357 2424 or they can be contacted via their website - <a href="www.affinityforbusiness.co.uk/contact-us">www.affinityforbusiness.co.uk/contact-us</a>

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