

19 February 2021
Our ref: 7011068

Thank you for your request received on 10 February 2021, for the following information:

Request amended on 17 February 2021 to read

Dame Alice Owens School redevelopment

<https://publicaccess.barnet.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=QISS8OJIM7P00&fbclid=IwAR26Dn19RV6a8YakbRBNbLQcHZ0wpUXKcBa1PjzQCqJkfTzm bdY8o7AaPtM>

Given that some 4000 tons of earth have been dug from a development which will basically sit on the existing foundations, which is now being replaced with 'clean' earth, may we know what substances

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.

The information you requested is available on our website using the following link <https://publicaccess.barnet.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=QISS8OJIM7P00> and looking at the Ground Technology Factual Ground investigation reports and looking in the summary and Ground conditions sections

The verification report is not yet available for release.

Refusal Notice

R12 (4)(d) - Material which is still in the course of completion, to unfinished documents or to incomplete data

The verification report of what has been removed has not been completed yet and when that is, it will also be on the planning portal linked to this case although it may have a different reference.

When developers remove earth from site they do so for geotechnical reasons, for the buildings future stability and occasionally for contamination reasons. In the case of the draft, the document is an unfinished, unofficial and unsigned version of the same document which does not fully represent the originating authority's views. Release could give a misleading and inaccurate picture.

These factors are that the decision making processes of public functions should be transparent and open to scrutiny in order to inform the public debate. The EIRs are in place to ensure public access to environmental information and releasing this draft would present a risk of misinformation with no clear advantage to the public interest.

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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