



London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
6 May 2021
Our ref: 7188360

Thank you for your request received on 6 April 2021, for the following information:

Dear Barnet Borough Council,

I would like to know:

- 1. What materials were used for the surface of the basketball/football court at Dollis Brook park (Dollis Valley), N12**
- 2. What other surface materials were considered and why this surface material was chosen**
- 3. All measures taken to reduce the noise of the court, whether this was special materials or design of the court surface or of its surroundings**
- 4. Whether any impact assessment that was carried out to assess the impact of the noise of the court on local residents**
- 5. If an assessment was carried out, full details of this**
- 6. The cost of installing the court**
- 7. The guidelines that Barnet Council follows when determining whether such facilities are appropriate for the local area, in particular in assessing the impact of noise from basketball courts on local residents**

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

Response

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

I have written below each a question.

I have checked the orders on the 2016 list and added together the relevant items which cover the court refurbishment.

1. What materials were used for the surface of the basketball/football court at Dollis Brook park (Dollis Valley), N12

The surface used was a special macadam surface. A 6mm single size limestone mixed with bitumen, without sand or fines, at a high temperature. Because of its unique properties, the macadam is porous and is known as an All-Weather surface.

2. What other surface materials were considered and why this surface material was chosen

The surface chosen is a specialist tarmac designed specifically for ball courts. It allows water to penetrate so the courts can be used all year round.

3. All measures taken to reduce the noise of the court, whether this was special materials or design of the court surface or of its surroundings

The court is surrounded by a low level fence which along with the surface and goals are all standard and designed for parks areas. The fencing is designed with special shaped brackets to reduce any noise impact and so does the frame of the basketball goal.

4. Whether any impact assessment that was carried out to assess the impact of the noise of the court on local residents

No impact assessment was carried out as there has always been a hard surface ball courts in then park the materials used are designed to reduce noise of ball impacts.

5. If an assessment was carried out, full details of this

None

6. The cost of installing the court

£54,149.00

The cost of the ball court surface, drainage with repairs to the retaining walls and removal of self-set trees along boundary was £28,070.00

The fencing and goals supply and installation £26,079.00.

7. The guidelines that Barnet Council follows when determining whether such facilities are appropriate for the local area, in particular in assessing the impact of noise from basketball courts on local residents

The court facilities in this park for a ball court use were installed in the 1930s for tennis and ball games. This was delivered in partnership with a local resident association who consulted on their proposals and fund raised for the schemes delivery.

Further information

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