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Our ref: 7229716

Thank you for your request received on 15 April 2021, for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Barnet Planning Department.

Please will you provide me with the following information :

1) Details of any pre-planning discussions your planning department has had with the Ministry of Justice during 2019,2020 or 2021 regarding any proposals for new prison development or expansion of an existing prison estate (if applicable) within your planning authority area.

2) Details of any brownfield sites within your planning authority area with an area of 12 hectares or more.

Please provide the information in the form of email with attachments.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request, my details are outlined below.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

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.

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

accessible.

1) Details of any pre-planning discussions your planning department has had with the Ministry of Justice during 2019,2020 or 2021 regarding any proposals for new prison development or expansion of an existing prison estate (if applicable) within your planning authority area.

No pre-planning discussions is held between the London Borough of Barnet and the Ministry of Justice.

2) Details of any brownfield sites within your planning authority area with an area of 12 hectares or more.

Please provide the information in the form of email with attachments.

The London Borough of Barnet does maintain a brown field land registry which is freely available to view online at <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policies-and-local-plan/brownfield-land-register>

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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