

London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW 4 June 2021 Our ref: 7349120

Thank you for your request received on 25 May 2021, for the following information:

# Can you please send me information on Grahame Park Community Pitch Lease

- 1. How many proposals were sent in the original round
- 2. How many proposals were shortlisted
- 3. Why did Barnet Council request new proposal once the original deadline was passed.
- 4. Why did Barnet Council not adhere to original tender deadline
- 5. How many proposal were sent in the new deadline round
- 6. How many proposals were shortlisted.

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

#### Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested.

However, we consider that the following exemptions apply to some of the information requested. The remaining information is not withheld and is below.

#### Can you please send me information on Grahame Park Community Pitch Lease

- 1. How many proposals were sent in the original round
- 5- All proposals were presented
- 2. How many proposals were shortlisted
- 5- All proposals were presented
- 3. Why did Barnet Council request new proposal once the original deadline was passed.

The property was put back on market as the council wanted to reflect a detailed revised criteria on the marketing particulars to provide an equal opportunity to all existing and new candidates.

The revised marketing particulars for the Grahame Park Community Pitch Lease can be found here

www.barnet.gov.uk/business/commercial-property-sale-and-rent

The cut off date for receiving applications for the latest round is 11 th June 2021

# 4. Why did Barnet Council not adhere to original tender deadline

Not applicable as no set deadline

## 5. How many proposal were sent in the new deadline round

Currently live – please see exemption notice below

# 6. How many proposals were shortlisted.

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We consider that the qualified exemption set out in Section 22 subsection 2 (Information intended for future publication) applies to the information requested. Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information.

In applying this exemption, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the interest in favour of disclosure.

#### Factors in favour of disclosure

- Furthering the understanding and participation in the public debate of issues of the day.
- Promoting accountability and transparency by public authorities for decisions taken by them.
- Promoting accountability and transparency in the letting leases.
- Allowing individuals, companies and other bodies to understand decisions made by public authorities affecting their lives.

#### Factors in favour of withholding

Given the nature of the exemption in this case, i.e. that the exempted information is intended for future publication it is our opinion that none of these factors weigh in favour of the public interest in disclosing that information over maintaining the exemption as none of these factors would be prejudiced by waiting for the publication of the latest information. Once the process is completed and a decision made, and after all applicants have been informed of the outcome and the successful bidder of the lease has agreed terms the Council will fulfil its transparency and decision making requirements by making the Chief Officers Decision publicly available on:

https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk (Once the lettings has been agreed)

In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

#### **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. <a href="http://open.barnet.gov.uk/">http://open.barnet.gov.uk/</a>

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If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website <a href="https://www.ico.org.uk">www.ico.org.uk</a>). There is no charge for making an appeal.