

9 June 2021
Our ref: 7345621

Thank you for your request received on 20 May 2021, for the following information:

**An FOI request was made on the 4th of August. (6479106 reference number)
One of the responses was an image**

(<https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/682006/response/1632270/attach/html/2/6479106%20Attachment%20Email2%202020%2005%2019.pdf.pdf.html>) in it said

Following recent evidence that there works upon vegetation and trees being lopped off on the site, I need to consult our Trees and Landscape Officer for comments. Please can you agree to a 3wk time extension to better assess the impact on landscaping and what exactly would be retained and what would be removed as part of the proposal.

Also, could you please send photos from within the site and from the streetscene as it appears there have been physical changes since the submission of the application and we want to make a fair judgement as to the merits of the case.

Could you please send this to me without spelling mistakes as it confusing and hard to understand?

It said that you needed to consult the Trees and Landscape Officer for comments why did you need to?

Did you consult the Trees and Landscape Officer for comments?

Who was the Tree and Landscape Officer you asked?

Could you provide all communication between you and the Trees and Landscape Officer for that case?

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. Please see refusal notice below

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Unable to resend email. The officer no longer works for Local Planning Authority.

It said that you needed to consult the Trees and Landscape Officer for comments why did you need to?

Email to agent dated 17.04.20 explains the reasoning for consulting with the Trees and Landscape Officer - "Following recent evidence that there are works upon vegetation and trees being lopped off on the site" and "to better assess the impact on landscaping and what exactly would be retained and what would be removed as part of the proposal."

Did you consult the Trees and Landscape Officer for comments?

Yes

Who was the Tree and Landscape Officer you asked?

Jonathan Mills, Arboricultural Officer

Could you provide all communication between you and the Trees and Landscape Officer for that case?

Attached.

Where not supplied, the documents referred to within the emails can be found on the Council's online planning register

www.barnet.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning/find-and-comment-planning-applications

We consider that regulation 13 (Personal information) applies to the information requested.

Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information.

Refusal Notice

[Part 1 of Schedule 19](#) of the Data Protection Act 2018 amends the personal data exception Regulation 13 of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. These are consequential amendments designed to ensure that the correct provisions of the GDPR and the new Act are referenced instead of the now repealed DPA 1998. They will not fundamentally impact when personal data can, and cannot, be disclosed in response to an EIR request.

We consider the information is subject to Regulation 13 because to release it would be a breach of the Data Protection Act 2018.

Personal Information is governed by the Data Protection legislation and is defined as any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'). It adds that: an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location number, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person.

The withheld information is exempt because disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle which requires that personal data is processed fairly and lawfully. Disclosure of the requested information would breach this principle and in particular the requirement of fairness.

The individuals working for the council have a reasonable expectation of privacy and do not expect that the council would disclose their names or contact details in response to an information rights request, especially as they are relatively junior and not in public facing roles. The council's redaction policy states that officers' names and contact details under the level of Assistant Director will generally not be released. All of the posts redacted are under the Assistant Director level.

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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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

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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 www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.