



London Borough of Barnet,
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Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
10 June 2021
Our ref: 7318892

Thank you for your request received on 12 May 2021, for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide me with a copy of the following:

- * All documentation relating to the public consultation process that took place over six weeks from 6 December 2010 to 17 January 2011 in relation to the operation of Church Farmhouse Museum and Barnet Museum. I am particularly interested in the report resulting from this consultation as I have been unable to find this online.**
- * Information concerning alternative options or proposals for the future of each property. I am particularly interested in the decision-making process surrounding the proposal for HADAS (Hendon and District Archaeological Society) to take over one of the properties, and why this was rejected**
- * Documentation relating to the full options appraisal for future use and management of the properties.**

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/attached.

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Please find attached:

1. Summary Findings of the online survey – please note that we cannot verify if this was the final summary produced.
2. Draft text for the online survey (entitled 'Proposed changes to funding for Museums) – please note that we cannot verify if this was the final text produced.

3. The Cabinet Paper which considered the findings of the consultation can be found at the following link. Please open the reports pack and go to page 226 onwards: [Meeting of Cabinet on Monday 14th February, 2011, 7.00 pm \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://moderngov.co.uk/Meeting%20of%20Cabinet%20on%20Monday%2014th%20February%202011%207.00%20pm)

**** Information concerning alternative options or proposals for the future of each property. I am particularly interested in the decision-making process surrounding the proposal for HADAS (Hendon and District Archaeological Society) to take over one of the properties, and why this was rejected***

1. Please find attached Museums Options Summary – Please note that we cannot verify if this was the final options paper produced or if it was a working discussion document only.
2. Please find attached emails between HADAS and the then Head of Service which indicate that HADAS were withdrawing their proposal to manage the Museum.

**** Documentation relating to the full options appraisal for future use and management of the properties.***

Please see attached document above.

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