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Our ref: 7568064

Thank you for your request received on 16 August 2021, for the following information:

In the Planning Statement for the change of use application for 129 Hamilton Road Barnet Council writes "It is estimated that this project could deliver savings of up to £160 per week for each child...".

Can the Council please explain (including showing calculations) how they have arrived at this figure?

I expect to see:

- 1. The benchmark cost that the Council are comparing against.**
- 2. The estimate figures for staffing the house based on the the staffing schedule as set out in the Management Plan which indicates the following core staffing structure: 2x Waking Night Workers, 6x Housing Support Officers, 0.1x Forensic Psychologist, 1x Deputy Service Manager, 1x Service Manager, Commissioned Accommodations Provider Operations Manager & LAP Strategic Development Manager.**
- 3. The Estimate of costs for:
utilities
business rates
food and subsistence
cost associated with programmes referred to in the Management Plan**
- 4. Notional cost of capital of holding the asset.**

I am happy for you to provide your assumptions in spreadsheet format.

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 believe that the exceptions detailed below apply to all the information you requested and so we are withholding that information.

The Council, as the applicant for the change of use at 129 Hamilton Road, London, NW11 9EG ref: 21/4069/FUL is in the process of preparing a further document to respond to the comments received as part of the planning application process in relation to the issues raised.

This information is not ready for disclosure at this point in time but will be made available and formally published under the planning application reference ref: 21/4069/FUL where other relevant documents can be found in relation to the application submitted at [Find and comment on planning applications | Barnet Council](#) and interested parties will be given two weeks to comment on this document. As the document is unfinished, see Refusal Notice below.

R12 (4)(d) - Material which is still in the course of completion, to unfinished documents or to incomplete data

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Further information

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