

London Borough of Barnet,
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Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
1 November 2021
Our ref: 7741664

Thank you for your request received on 18 October 2021, for the following information:

This request is made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations and is submitted on behalf of Friern Barnet & Whetstone Residents' Association.

The request relates to information held by the Council comprising the responses of statutory consultees with regard to planning applications.

1. On the Council's planning website 'public comments' are available to the public to view, but the responses of statutory consultees are not. On what basis does the Council consider that such responses of statutory consultees should not be made available to the public?

2. Please provide a copy of any guidance made available by the Council to planning officers or the staff who are responsible for loading the documents put on the planning website with regard to the subject matter of enquiry 1 above.

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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The procedure is that all Statutory replies should be made public. All statutory responses go back to the planning officer, it is their responsibility to make the response public.

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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