

London Borough of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale NW9 4EW  
17 June 2022  
Our ref: 8275128

Thank you for your request received on 13 May 2022, for the following information:

**I request full information, including all written details, of the said London Borough of Barnet's COMMUNITY SAFETY COLLEAGUES agreement and reasons for approval concerning the proposed installations for the secluded, Unlawful Public Right of Way alleyway on the East side of the Tennis and MUGA Courts area in Victoria Recreation Ground. This area is supposed to be managed by Barnet Council.**

**We were told of scant details of the proposed by email 28 March 2022. We have written for clarification, but as usual our correspondence has been ignored, including any acknowledgement.**

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 some of this information and this is withheld. Please see the Refusal Notice below.

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I have attached a copy of the email to which you refer dated **28 March 2022** for ease of reference.

A meeting was held with Declan Khan, Assistant Director Counter Fraud, Community Safety & Protection and Cassie Bridger, Assistant Director ☐ Greenspaces & Leisure on **4th August 2021** to discuss the site, no formal notes are held but Declan Khan has provided the following information:

The Community Safety team have received a very low number of reports of Anti-Social behaviour in the area referred to. As such there is no requirement for officers

to be deployed to the area on a specific tasking basis. Community Safety officers will of course cover that area within their normal patrol patterns as they do throughout the borough.

The immediate area of the sports court does have CCTV which is held by the leisure centre and if anti-social behaviour is identified the process is that police should/would be called to attend.

Mr Khan's conversations with colleagues from the Greenspaces & Leisure team suggested that by fencing off the area where anti-social behaviour is being alleged (effectively closing off the right of way), there would be a reduction or halting of such behaviour. The Community Safety Team has no objections to any actions that reduce or prevent anti-social behaviour within the borough of Barnet and Mr Khan suggests that such action would be welcomed by residents if indeed it is a reduction of these alleged behaviours that is being requested.

The Freedom of Information request submitted to the Council appears to suggest that the efforts to reduce anti-social behaviour are not welcomed. Mr Khan would therefore be interested in any solutions proposed by those objecting to the proposed remedial action.

On **17 March 2022** the Portfolio lead contacted Mr Khan again. Mr Khan had no objections to additional fencing within the external sports court area which itself does not have a high rate for reports of anti-social behaviour, although residents in adjacent properties have expressed concerns that ASB is prevalent. Junior names of officers have been redacted, see Refusal Notice below, as this relates to personal data.

I have attached the written guidance from Andrew Dhillon, Planning Manager on **8 June 2022**.

### **Refusal Notice R13 – Personal data**

We have redacted the names of junior individuals by virtue of Regulation 13 of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, as disclosure of this information to the public generally, in the Council's view, would not be consistent with the data protection principle found in Article 5.1(a) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) lawfully, transparently and fairly. We have considered whether disclosure is lawful and fair and whilst it may be lawful under Article 6.1(f) GDPR (legitimate interests) it would not be fair to the individuals concerned who would not expect the names of junior employees to be disclosed as part of such a request.

As such, we consider that regulation 13 (Personal information) applies to some of the information requested so we have decided to withhold this 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. <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](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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