

London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW
23 February 2023
Our ref: 8980863

Thank you for your request received on 27 January 2023, for the following information:

Following the UK Governments allocation of the £2.1billion Levelling Up Fund, Barnet council has been assigned £29.5million to rebuild Colindale Underground Station.

For transparency, I would like to see an itemised bill of how £29.5million is going to be spent.

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

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Thank you for your information request. The successful Levelling Up project was a joint bid submitted by the Greater London Authority (GLA) to make Colindale (Barnet Council) and Leyton (Waltham Forest Council) stations step-free. The total value of the award for both stations is £43m .

Transport for London will be publishing the redacted bid by the end of the month on their website - www.tfl.gov.uk. We understand financial breakdowns will be redacted as this is commercially sensitive information pre-procurement of Contractors and their supply chain to deliver the station works. Following publication, if you require further information you may wish to approach either the GLA or TfL for further details as this work proceeds.

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

We consider that regulation 12(4)(d) - Material which is still in the course of completion, unfinished documents or incomplete data applies to the information requested because we consider that the request involves information that is in draft form.

Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information.

In applying this exception, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the interest in favour of disclosure.

Factors in favour of disclosure

- Furthering the understanding, and participation in the public debate of issues
- Facilitate the accountability and transparency of public authorities for decisions taken
- Facilitate accountability and transparency in the spending of public money
- Allowing individuals to understand decisions made by public authorities affecting their lives

Factors in favour of withholding

- Partial disclosures of information could result in inaccuracy and incompleteness of the data in question
- Organisations should be able to complete work in a timely fashion without interruption and interference from outside before being subjected to scrutiny

In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing the 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

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Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: foi@barnet.gov.uk. Or by post to Records & Information Management Service, Assurance Group, London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

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.