

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
6 March 2023
Our ref: 9138276

Thank you for your request received on 6 February 2023, for the following information:

I would like to know the fees paid, if any EOT's/PPA's were given and if any refunds have been made and for the following applications:

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3. 17/5373/FUL
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5. 16/7601/FUL
6. 19/3949/FUL
7. B/05674/13
8. 18/6353/FUL
9. 20/0261/NMA
10. F/04474/14
11. 20/4343/OUT
12. 21/0274/OUT
13. 17/0491/NMA
14. 16/0601/FUL
15. 16/0112/FUL
16. 18/5561/S73
17. 16/0852/FUL
18. 17/5071/S73
19. 20/5293/S73
20. 19/1950/FUL
21. 15/03343/FUL
22. 19/6857/FUL
23. 18/5602/NAC
24. H/04143/14
25. 21/0263/FUL
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34. 19/5827/FUL
35. 15/04442/FUL
36. F/05593/13
37. H/03551/14
38. 17/4373/S73
39. 15/05583/FUL
40. 15/07392/MDL
41. 15/04650/MDL
42. 17/7568/S73
43. 15/06417/OUT
44. 15/03139/FUL
45. 16/1051/MDL
46. 17/6746/PNO
47. H/00180/14/ENQ
48. 18/4700/FUL
49. H/00320/14
50. 18/1511/FUL
51. 16/5328/FUL
52. 17/6434/FUL
53. 18/4674/FUL
54. 18/2839/FUL
55. H/02747/14
56. 19/1285/FUL
57. 17/3796/FUL
58. 16/7102/LBC
59. 16/7101/FUL

If any of the above have received an EOT/PPA then please send evidence of this.

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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Please see attached a list of PPA's and EOT's.

Extension of time dates are available online. For each application, in the 'important dates' tab, requested the extension of time date is listed as the "Agreed expiry date" and the target date is the "Determination Deadline". The applicants name will be listed on the application form if they provided their name, lots of applications don't have an applicant's name, only agents.

<https://publicaccess.barnet.gov.uk/online-applications/>

I can confirm no refunds have been made for any of the above application references.

Fees paid are withheld see refusal notice below.

Refusal Notice

R6(1)(b) – Material already published

Under Regulation 6(1)(b) of EIR, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you by other means.

The information relevant to your request is published online at the following link:

[Find and comment on planning applications | Barnet Council](#)

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Re contract can be found here

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/regional-enterprise-ltd-re-contract>

R12(5)(e) Confidential commercial information

We consider that regulation 12 (5) (e) (Confidentiality of commercial or industrial information) applies to the information requested because we consider that disclosure of the information requested would adversely affect the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest.

Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information.

The council has consulted with the Capita Group, as the Re contract is a Joint Venture and asked them to explain and justify what prejudice could be caused, how and how likely this would be. The party whose commercial interests would, or would be likely to be prejudiced if the withheld information was disclosed is the Capita Group. The harm that would be likely to be caused to Capita Group is that they would be likely to lose business and therefore income.

The Public Interest Test. Factors in favour of disclosure

1. It is in the public interest for the Council to be open and transparent, especially with regard to a unique and wide-ranging contract such as this.
2. There is a general public interest in facilitating the accountability of public authorities for decisions they take, and also allow individuals to understand decisions made by public authorities and how public money is spent.
3. The council has a fiduciary duty to its residents to spend council money properly.

Factors in favour of withholding

1. It is not in the public interest for the council to disclose information that would be likely to damage the commercial interests of a company, as this could lead to financial problems for the company and or loss of jobs, which is not in the public interest.
2. It is not in the public interest for commercially sensitive information about one company to be released, when the same category of information relating to others companies is not so released, thus putting one company at a commercial disadvantage.
3. It is not in the public interest for information to be released which could negatively influence ongoing and future negotiations associated with this contract, as this would be likely to have an adverse effect on value for money for the council and by extension the people of Barnet.
4. The withholding of the exempt sections will not negatively affect accountability, as the council has full and proper mechanisms in place for this, and there are sufficient statutory methods for the public to be involved in ensuring accountability, for example the Overview and Scrutiny process, councillors involvement, and the Audit Commission Act process

For these reasons the fees paid under each PPAs is withheld.

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/>

Advice and Assistance : Direct Marketing

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

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.