London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW 13 March 2023

Our ref: 9025020

Thank you for your request received on 16 January 2023, for the following information:

Please provide me with the following

If the Environment Agency has issued the London Borough of Barnet with a permit to inter bodies on the land Title number NGL603549, Milespit Hill London NW7 2RR

"Requirement 2 You should not carry out any human burials on land which is liable to flooding." [sic]

The land in question has been identified as liable to flooding in more than 1 in 30 years

In the event the answer is "not required" please provide me with copies of the correspondence, date evidenced, between London Borough of Barnet and the Environment Agency that resolved Barnet to commence internment within the area know to flood "based on information obtained from Gov.uk" [sic] noted form within a document published by London Borough of Barnet

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and it has responded with the answers to your questions below.

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To date we have commissioned two hydrology assessments, initially in 2019 and most recently in 2022 which was submitted as part of our planning application. Both assessments utilised available Government surface water data and identified no flood risk concerns in areas intended for our short term burial strategy.

It is noted that the surface water flood risk has since changed, we are in the process of assembling a team to discuss future provisions with the environment agency.

Please see attached documents.

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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