

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
16 January 2024
Our ref: 11382792

Thank you for your request received on 16 January 2024, for the following information:

In the planning officer report for Land Adjacent To Whittings Hill Primary School Whittings Road London EN5 2QY ref: 23/3772/FUL it states

Biodiversity Net Gain Plan: Securing payment habitat creation - the creation of 1 Ha of Moderate Condition Other Neutral Grassland at a total cost of £40,650 (index linked) in accordance with thereafter approved Biodiversity Net Gain Plan. The payment will need to be secured upon completion of built phase of the development. payment for habitat management and maintenance (30 years) - 3.22 units X £47,003.26 per unit = £151,350.48 (index linked) in accordance with thereafter approved Biodiversity Net Gain Plan. The payment will need to be secured upon completion of built phase of the development.

1) Would it be possible to find out where the £151,350.48 is paid to (e.g. to a company who manages the Conservation, or the council, or to a company appointed by the developers to carry out work over the next 30 years) ? I am trying to find out if this money is protected to be used specifically in the management of the biodiversity on the proposed habitat creation area, and who carries out the habitat enhancement work ?

2) Could I also get a link or copy to the Biodiversity Net Gain Plan mentioned in the officer report above.

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

Response

The council holds some of the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

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The application 23/3772/FUL was approved with a commitment to deliver Biodiversity Net Gain offsetting on Council owned and managed land. The developer will provide funds as set out within the committee report to secure the agreed biodiversity units at Whitting Hill Open Space. This funding will be secured, and ring fenced by legal agreements with the Council. The Council's Green Spaces, department responsible for the management of Whiting's Hill Open Space will apply for the funds held in the planning department and deliver the agreed enhancements.

2) Could I also get a link or copy to the Biodiversity Net Gain Plan mentioned in the officer report above.

Condition 44 (Biodiversity Net Gain Plan) is a pre-commencement condition of the granted approval:

Prior to commencement of the development a detailed Biodiversity Net Gain Plan which outlined the details, timing, and responsibility for all required habitat creation, enhancement, and management and monitoring of the 1 ha of other neutral grassland (3.22 units) within the Whiting's Hill Open Space hereafter referred to as the "offset site" to be approved prior. The document shall be produced in accordance with approved Biodiversity Impact Assessment (Brindle & Green, BG22.167.5 Rev 3, November 2023).

Reason: Pursuant to section 197 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in accordance with local planning policy DM16. Policies CS5 and CS7 of the Local Plan Core Strategy DPD (adopted September 2012), Policy G6 of the London Plan.

This document **will be** submitted by the developers, assessed and approved following an assessment by the council's qualified senior ecologist.

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