

London Borough of Barnet  
2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale NW9 4EW  
31 October 2024  
Our ref: 13217912

Thank you for your request received on 14 October 2024, for the following information:

**The UK government, on the 15th of October 2024, announced the release of funds to 54 councils from the BLRF with London Borough of Barnet being one of the recipients.**

**Please respond to the following queries below and revert via email.**

**Could you confirm the amount received by the council?  
Confirm what works / jobs the received funds will be used for?  
What are the current buildings or facilities affected?  
How many houses / flats are planned to be built after the works are completed?  
How many of these houses / flats will be classed as affordable?  
Are they planned to be rented or sold if this has been decided?  
What is the definition of 'affordable' used?  
What is the timescale (start/end) for the funds to be deployed and remediation works completed?  
Have contracts for the remediation works been sent to tender / signed and to whom or is there a proposed date for this to be done?  
What are the identified social benefits for local people?  
What are the identified economic benefits for local people?**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## **Response**

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

***Could you confirm the amount received by the council?***

£1,276,367

***Confirm what works / jobs the received funds will be used for?***

Funding will be used for demolition and groundworks in preparation for future development.

***What are the current buildings or facilities affected?***

Existing residential housing blocks of large panel system construction

***How many houses / flats are planned to be built after the works are completed?***

Subject to planning permission, approximately 265 new flats across the 2 sites.

***How many of these houses / flats will be classed as affordable?***

Approximately 162 will be affordable through a combination of social rent and shared ownership.

***Are they planned to be rented or sold if this has been decided?***

As above

***What is the definition of 'affordable' used?***

This will not be finalised until planning has been achieved. Proposals are for a combination of shared ownership and social rents.

***What is the timescale (start/end) for the funds to be deployed and remediation works completed?***

Works contracts to be signed by 31 March 2025. Land released by 31 March 2028.

***Have contracts for the remediation works been sent to tender / signed and to whom or is there a proposed date for this to be done?***

No works have been tendered for. This will be done ahead of the March 2025 deadline.

***What are the identified social benefits for local people?***

Increased numbers of affordable housing.

New homes of a higher quality and sustainability standard than the existing homes.

Improvements to the surrounding area through landscaping and play facilities.

Improved safety as existing blocks will be empty and uninhabitable.

### ***What are the identified economic benefits for local people?***

The proposals will meet LBBs economic objectives for the borough and its residents through the below critical success factors:

**CSF1: community needs** - the scheme will be designed to meet the current and future community needs

**CSF2: strategic fit** - the proposals will be designed to contribute significantly to the London Plan, LBB Corporate Plan and LBB Housing Strategy targets.

**CSF3: benefits optimisation** - the scheme will be designed to optimise the potential return on expenditure and improves the overall VFM by demonstrating the achievement of both qualitative and quantitative benefits.

**CSF4: potential achievability** - the proposed approach will enable successful and timely achievement in order to not delay the demolition of the blocks which would incur significant additional maintenance charges for LBB and leaseholders

**CSF5: supply side capacity and capability** - the ability of the market to respond to the delivery of the proposed designs will be monitored at all stages of the project to mitigate any delivery risk.

**CSF6: potential affordability** - the solution provided by the preferred option will be sufficiently viable and increase affordable housing supply in the area.

### **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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