



My Ref: FOI5859
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

I would like to know the costs incurred following the recent cancellation of the planned road closure and works on Grange Lane please? I assume there are multiple contractors who will need compensation given the limited time to find alternative work for the six weeks or so. And who was responsible for missing the engineering issues mentioned and what has been done to ensure this individual does not cause such issues in the future.

I can confirm that no costs have been incurred as a result of the cancelled road closure or the rescheduling of these works. The scheme remains active, and the Council continues to work with its partners and statutory undertakers to deliver it at the earliest suitable opportunity.

The engineering challenges that led to the postponement relate primarily to the exact location of the Low Voltage (LV) and High Voltage (HV) electricity mains within the site. These assets need to be diverted further into the footway to accommodate the proposed carriageway widening. Once detailed investigations were completed, it became clear that the diversion works were more complex than initially anticipated, especially due to the presence of other utilities in the footway.

Northern Powergrid (NPG) originally allocated a three-day window for the diversion works. Following further review, it was identified that this duration would not be sufficient to safely and properly complete the necessary works. In addition, a planned customer outage is required for the utility diversion to take place. To avoid unnecessary disruption to residents and to ensure that the outage and engineering works align with the wider construction programme, the Council asked NPG to re-programme their works accordingly.

NPG's earliest opportunity to return to site and undertake the required activities is now Spring/Summer.

With regard to responsibility, no single individual is at fault. The issues encountered were unforeseen and relate to the buried utility layout on site, which can only be fully confirmed through excavation and detailed inspection. Such findings are not uncommon in complex urban environments and form part of normal project risk management.

The Council will continue to work closely with NPG and all partners to finalise the revised schedule for the required utility diversions. Updated information regarding the re-scheduled works will be communicated through the usual channels once available.

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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