



My Ref: FOI 6063
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 am writing to request information under the property know as Peak Adventure, formerly the Scout Dyke Outdoor Centre, located at: Huddersfield Road, Penistone, S36 7GF. Specifically, I would like to know the following:

1. Current ownership status of the land and buildings at this site.

The council owns the freehold.

2. Whether the site has been leased to a new operator?

The site has not been let to a new operator.

3. If a lease or operating agreement exists/existed:

- The start and end dates of the lease/agreement**
 - The terms of the lease (duration, renewal, rights, rent/fees if applicable)**
 - The current status of the lease or agreement (active, expired, terminated)**
 - Whether there are any current plans for disposal, redevelopment, or re-use of the site**
- If any part of this request is unclear or would benefit from clarification**

The site was formerly subject to a tenancy which came to an end when the tenant entered into liquidation.

The site has been identified for disposal and is being prepared for sale following the demolition of the structures on site.

This decision to demolish has been made on the basis that following even though the property has been secured and there is a security presence on site it comes under regular attack from individuals who have caused extensive damage and continue to do so. The Council is also currently exposed to unplanned and unfunded holding costs as a consequence.

The Council has a duty to protect the public and for health and safety reasons and taking into account the damage to the building it will be demolished prior to disposal.

4. If a lease does not exist, is the property back up for tender?

No, the council intends to dispose of the freehold interest in the property.

The former Activity Centre was marketed to let for use as an activity centre during March 2025 with the council receiving feedback from enquirers that the Activity Centre was in poor condition, not fit for purpose and didn't meet the standards expected in a modern-day activity centre. Following further investigations, interested parties withdrew their bids for a lease citing the expense of upgrading existing facilities to a suitable standard.

Furthermore, the building's current EPC rating of G means that it would be illegal to let the property in its current condition under the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards regulations.

5. If the property is not under any agreements with third parties, would the council consider working with a local children's charity on the acquisition and running of the site under a mutual partnership?

The council intends to dispose of the property on the open market. Interested parties will be able to submit offers for the property once it is marketed.

6. What maintenance records exist of the property including wiring/rewiring, any issues or suspected issues with asbestos, what gas certificate if any exist and what condition the heating and electrical systems are in, what fire alarm system is installed and what condition it is in

The council has no maintenance records for the property. This is because the site was let to and operated by third parties since 2002 with the tenants being responsible for all repairs and maintenance.

As outlined above, due to ongoing antisocial behaviour and health & safety risks the decision has been made to demolish the buildings on site prior to disposal.

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Water Lane
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Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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