BARNSLEY
Metropolitan Borough Council

My Ref: EIR/ 4679
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Environmental Information Regulations

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: -

Planning application 2025/0083 I requested access to all documents regarding this application on 10th June and was informed all documents where in Planning Explorer. This is not the case. I have sent numerous emails requesting this information since. I request access to all documentation including objections to the proposed plans. I also request minutes of Thurgoland Parish Council meeting including attendees when plans were approved and who the approvers were.

The Council does not publish individual objections or comments submitted in relation to planning applications due to data protection obligations under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR). Individual objections can be used to identify who has submitted them based on the contents and as such are deemed exempt from disclosure under Regulation 13(1) (a) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 as disclosure would contravene the UK GDPR Principles. In assessing public interest, the council acknowledges there is substantial public interest in the planning process given the impact applications have on the land and on the lives of individuals. Transparency throughout the process is key and this is why all documents associated with the application are available online, including the officer's report, which outlines the recommendation and decision-making process. With that said, the council does not publish individual objections but does make reference to them and provide summaries in officer's reports where applicable. The council considers that a key part of the planning process is that individuals be free to make their objections without the risk of repercussion from said objections being published for all to see. With that in mind, the council considers that the public interest would be to withhold the specific details of objections to protect the integrity of the planning process and ensure all can contribute to it without fear of repercussion.

For access to any minutes of meetings involving Thurgoland Parish Council, please contact the Parish Council directly, as this information is held by them and not by Barnsley Council.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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