



My Ref: FOI 5538
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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: -

The publication of the AQAP consultation and the general national drive for net zero has prompted the following questions on Billingley View:

I understand this estate was built at extra cost over and above standard (at the time) construction and finish norms, being “a pilot scheme to deliver homes built to a new Barnsley Low Carbon Standard”.

- 1. Bearing in mind the pressure to move to heat pump/solar in new design standards and the emphasis placed by Ed Miliband on the technology, what lessons have been learned from Billingley View?**
- 2. Has the cost out-turn been within budget?**
- 3. What was the average extra-over cost/property compared to existing standards?**
- 4. I assume by now it's fully tenanted. What work has been done to identify the experience of the tenants?**
- 5. How have actual heating running costs compared to design numbers?**
- 6. Have the assumed levels of comfort been achieved?**
- 7. Do any of the tenants have an EV?**
- 8. Presumably all the properties have smart meters. How have they been used to get the best experience for the tenants, eg smart tariffs?**
- 9. Does the specification used for Billingley View need adjustment for ongoing applications? If so, how?**
- 10. Is the (updated if required) specification being mandated on new builds, eg is there now an updated and implemented “Barnsley Low Carbon Standard”?**

Answer

1	<p>The Barnsley low-carbon standard is a fabric-first approach that specifies a well-insulated building fabric and airtight design. The council will continue to take a fabric first approach to the specification for their directly delivered new build schemes.</p> <p>The Billingley View pilot included triple glazing throughout, widened cavities and a parge coat to internal blockwork. These items have not been added to our standard specification for future schemes.</p> <p>The standard specification does include ASHP, solar panels with battery storage and EV chargers.</p>
2	<p>The first building contractor went into Administration before the properties were completed. A second contractor was appointed to complete the project and this led to additional costs on top of the original budget.</p>
3	<p>Estimated at £7,500 per property for wider cavities, triple glazing, parge coat and composite front door</p>
4	<p>Two properties were monitored by Leeds Beckett University for the first year of occupation with follow up interviews with the occupiers</p>
5	<p>This information is not collected</p>
6	<p>All properties achieved an EPC "A" rating</p>
7	<p>The Council or Berneslai Homes do not collect this information</p>
8	<p>Occupiers can choose a utility supplier and tariff to meet their individual requirements</p>
9	<p>See response to Question 1</p>
10	<p>See response to Question 1</p>

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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