



My Ref: FOI5720
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: -

Further to your reply regarding this sale, you stated it was by invite only, and I am now requesting more conclusive answers as to this sale.

1. Why was it done this way and the rationale behind this method?

From the information on file it shows that the site was offered for sale on the open market with a closing date for sealed offers being set for 12-noon on Friday 15 November 2013.

2. How many Builders/Developers were invited to bid for this site?

The site was offered for sale on the open market, inviting offers from any interested party.

3. Why was Saul picked for this site?

Saul Homes submitted the highest offer for the site.

4. Please show what each one offered and what rational you used on each point of their offer?

The winning bid as offered is publicly available information and is referred to in the response to Q8. The remaining bids received are exempt under Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of a third party. Disclosing information about how much third parties can or will bid for sites may prejudice their commercial interests and allow rivals to outbid them.

5. What was the value of this land as assessed by the Assets department and did you achieve the value?

It was valued for accounting purposes 20 February 2013 at £900,000 which was lower than the offer accepted.

6. Who decided this and what meetings or such had taken place?

It was approved by Cabinet (Cab.8.10.2014/10.1)

7. Who attended these meetings and the minutes of these meetings?

Cabinet Members, Council Officers and members of the public on non-excluded items. The minutes of these meetings are available on line.

8. What happened to the money raised through this sale?

The Council received net proceeds of circa £1.250M from the sale and the money was used to contribute towards the building of a new school as part of the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme

9. What was agreed to the number of houses and affordable houses?

The relevant planning permission consists of outline planning permission under reference 2012/0537 and reserved matters planning permission under reference 2015/1134. The planning permission was for 97 dwellings in total with 10 of those being affordable houses.

10. What was agreed with the miner's wheel and the actual planning requirements for its removal and re-siting?

It was agreed that the Miner's Wheel would be sited at the entrance of the new development. It was however, moved to the current location following Local Member involvement.

11. What was the 106 agreement?

The S106 agreement is related to the planning permission and covers requirements for affordable housing, public open space provision and the location of the miners wheel.

12. How much 106 monies has this raised or will raise?

The monies paid as part of the S106 agreement was £162,492.18

13. What Has been spent or allocated from this 106 money?

The monies from the S106 agreement has been spent on improvements to Dorothy Hyman Sports Centre and Beck play area, Grimethorpe.

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14. How much land was Brierley or Grimethorpe as registered with the land registry?

The Land Registry title document refers to this land as land the east side of Brierley Road Grimethorpe.

15. The remaining Land, is this been allocated for potential sale?

At the moment there are no proposals to dispose of the remaining Council Land.

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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