



My Ref: FOI 6420
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 requesting the following recorded information relating to the Scout Dike Activity Centre:

- 1. The most recent valuation figure held by Barnsley MBC for Scout Dike, including the full amount recorded in the Council's accounts or asset register.**
- 2. The valuation basis used (e.g., Fair Value, Market Value, Existing Use Value, Depreciated Replacement Cost, or other).**
- 3. The date of the most recent valuation and whether it was undertaken internally or by an external RICS valuer.**
- 4. Any valuation report, summary, or certificate associated with this valuation, including the valuer's instructions (if held).**

1. Please see exemption below.
2. The valuation basis used was Fair Value.
3. The date of valuation was 31 March 2026 and was completed by an internal RICS valuer.
4. Please see exemption below.

In respect to questions 1 and 4, after careful review, we are withholding the requested information under Section 43(2) of the Act, as disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of Barnsley MBC.

The Council considers that the current valuation of Scout Dike Activity Centre is commercially sensitive and that its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the Council's commercial interests. The valuation was undertaken within the last few months and

reflects the Council's current assessment of the site's market value. The Council is currently considering options regarding the future disposal of the site.

Releasing the valuation at this stage would place information about the Council's view of the site's value into the public domain and could influence the behaviour of potential purchasers. This could weaken the Council's position in any future negotiations and affect its ability to achieve best value from the disposal of the asset. Given the recent nature of the valuation and the possibility of a future sale, the Council considers there is a genuine risk that disclosure would prejudice its commercial interests.

While we recognise the public interest in transparency and accountability, we consider that in this case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure. Protecting the commercial viability of Barnsley MBC ensures value for money for the public and supports fair competition.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

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

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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