



Freedom of Information Request FOI1979

Request:

I would like information detailing the process that North Tyneside council followed when they distributed the funds Taylor Wimpy gave to the council for educational provision for the estate:- West Park in Whitley Bay NE25 9GL.

Also how they arrived at the decision they did.

Submitted on 15/11/19.

Response:

A financial contribution for educational provision was sought as part of the planning application process. The planning application documents are available for public inspection. Some information is available on line. Planning application documents are not therefore subject to disclosure via the FOI process as they are already available to view by a different route. The request for information regarding the process by which the funding was sought and secured is therefore refused as it is an exemption under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because the information requested is reasonably accessible to you by other means. A link to Public Access is provided below:

<https://idoxpublicaccess.northynteside.gov.uk/online-applications/>

You can also make an appointment to view the planning application file, which is held electronically, by contacting development.control@northynteside.gov.uk or telephoning Mr Stephen Forsten on 0191 643 6350.

Education response:

As part of any negotiations to request S106 contributions towards education within the borough, the council is required to consider:

- The existing and projected pupil population, with and without new housing
- The capacity of schools within the catchment area of the development, and the wider community
- The in-catchment pupil population of the catchment school.

It was determined, by the Planning Inspector, at appeal, that the development of 200 new homes required to make a contribution of £840k towards education to address a potential pupil increase, across all age ranges, of approximately 55 pupils.

This development would be located within the catchment areas of South Wellfield First, Wellfield Middle and Whitley Bay High School. Each of these schools admit from within their own catchment areas and significantly from areas beyond their catchment, particularly from Shiremoor and Backworth. The numbers at each school indicated that they would be able to offer places for 'in catchment applications' within their existing Published Admission number, at year of intake (Reception, Year 5 and Year 9), without the need to expand their capacity, this would, however, reduce the availability of spaces for applications to be permitted from out of catchment applicants. In addition to the development at West Park, further new homes were planned in the vicinity of Holystone, West Allotment, Shiremoor and Backworth. These developments totalled in excess of 1200 new homes, with the potential to generate approximately 380 new pupils across all ages. It was therefore proposed to relocate and expand Backworth Park Primary School from its original location, as a building for up to 210 pupils, to a new location and with increased capacity to accommodate up to 420 mainstream school age pupils. This would provide accommodation for any new pupil populations from new homes in the Holystone, West Allotment, Shiremoor and Backworth, and to accommodate a proportion of their own catchment area pupils that would have previously gained entry, based upon available capacity, to schools in the Whitley Bay / Monkseaton area. The proposals were taken to Cabinet, as part of a formal Statutory process in 11th November 2013, 7th April 2014, with final approval to relocate and expand Backworth Park Primary School being given on 14th July 2014.

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