

Reference: FOI-1133

Request:

Please provide the cost of (fees paid to) the independent barrister who appeared for NTC at the recent Public Right of Way public inquiry concerning the Borough Road footbridge: identifying the total cost for the barrister, and separately the barrister cost for the actual inquiry sitting days, as part of that total. I am not naming the barrister, nor stating the number of sitting days, to make this request as confidential as possible. And, for clarity, I am not concerned with the costs of NTC legal staff who appeared or were connected with that inquiry.

Response:

This information is withheld under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Information is exempt from disclosure if it is the personal data of an individual other than the requester and where the disclosure of that personal data would be in breach of any of the data protection principles.

The reason for this is that barristers working for chambers are self-employed and therefore any costs paid to them is classed as personal information.