



Reference: FOI-1251

Request:

Please provide the costs of the Public Right of Way Public Inquiry earlier this year, concerning the Borough Road footbridge.

These will include internal NTC staff (including legal staff) costs, the fees of the independent barrister who appeared for NTC, inquiry fees/charges paid to central government, and possible venue hire charges, etcetera; itemised as far as is possible.

Response:

1. Internal NTC staff costs – the Council does not record time spent on specific matters, therefore, this data is not held.
2. The fees of the independent barrister who appeared for NTC are 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.
3. Inquiry fees/charges paid to central government – none.
4. Venue hire charges – £860.00

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