



Reference: FOI0680

Response:

Could I please request the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

The costs of the 3 Capita reports on the bridge:

Capita Options Study 2011 - Information not held
Special Inspection Report 2013 - Information not held
Capita Feasibility Report 2017 (last revised Jan 2018). - £15,700

Records of all communications between the council's Planning Department and the estate agents handling the sale of the vacant land on the west bank of the southern part of Borough Road (including notes re such communications) - ie Edwin Thompson of Carlisle and Rightmove locally.

There is a triangle of land that is up for sale by a private land owner and this has been for a number of years. This has no relevance on the decision to remove the bridge and no correspondence between the owner and the Planning Authority has been received.

There are no records of any planning applications relating to this land. A number of pre-application enquiries have been submitted since 2007 but information relating to pre-application submissions is considered to be exempt from disclosure under Regulation 12(5) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. This is because, under regulations 12 (5) (e) and (f) it is considered that to disclose commercial information provided in confidence to the Authority would adversely affect the interests of the person who had supplied the information where there was an expectation, based on the Council's published pre-application process, that information would not be disclosed; and because its disclosure would adversely affect the confidentiality of the proceedings of the Authority where such confidentiality is provided by law. The Information Commissioner's Office has indicated that proceedings include a formal means to consider an issue and reach a decision such as the process for the submission of a pre-application enquiry and its consideration.

Records of usage of the bridge (number of crossings per day etc) over the last 20 years).

Two pedestrian surveys of the bridge have been carried out. The first was carried out over four days between Thursday, August 27 and Sunday, August 30 2015 (an August Bank Holiday weekend and during school holidays). Record of the 2015 survey is included in the Options Appraisal Report and is available for members of the public to download from the North Tyneside Council's Planning Portal.

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A further survey was conducted on Tuesday, November 20 2018, from 7am to 7pm, which recorded crossings on Borough Road and Borough Road. Record of the 2018 survey is included on the North Tyneside Council's Planning Portal.

Where reference is made to North Tyneside Council Planning Portal, please follow the instructions provided on website address given below:

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1079/search-planning-applications>

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