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Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Dear James Martin

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Birmingham City Council. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

Request

"Dear Birmingham City Council,

As a member of a private Facebook Group of 450 members called Park Central Community and on behalf of these members due to extreme disturbance experienced on 29th and 30th of May 2020 before and after dusk making hundreds of Leaseholder flats in 13 Blocks unliveable, I would like to know:

What activities in the park are permitted and when (opening hours)? Motorised vehicles (other than mobility scooters), e-scooters, drones, amplified sound, barbeques, larger than a family unit, organised events?

The Sunset and Moonlit Park Construction Cost (Sunset Park water feature was decommissioned some years ago)?

What was the approved design for the Sunset and Moonlit Park (hedges at the perimeter fences included)?

What Planning Gain Monies were used for the Construction of the Sunset and Moonlit Parks? And is there funding that was set aside for future maintenance such as to a City Wide Parks Capital Fund? Is their any income from non Birmingham City Council and Other Council land parcels within the Sunset and Moonlit Parks? Or income from the use of the facilities (including organised events)?"

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The Sunset and Moonlit Park Annual Budgets and Actual Spend for all years from new? What is the Sunset and Moonlit Park Budget for 2020-21?

What has been the Council's total Parks Budget for each year from new? And the tax year preceding the completion of the Sunset and Moonlit Park? And what pro rata percentage of this budget has been allocated to the Sunset and Moonlit Park for each of these years since completion?

Response

"What activities in the park are permitted and when (opening hours)?
Motorised vehicles (other than mobility scooters), e-scooters, drones,
amplified sound, barbeques, larger than a family unit, organised events?"
Birmingham City Council does not permit

- BBQs.
- Motorised vehicles.
- Broadcast of music unless part of an authorised event, some of these activities would be subject to licence.

The official park opening times are 7.30 AM till dusk. Please note: Site is no longer locked at night.

"The Sunset and Moonlit Park Construction Cost (Sunset Park water feature was decommissioned some years ago)"

Construction of the Sunset and Moonlit Parks cost £2.4 Million.

"What was the approved design for the Sunset and Moonlit Park (hedges at the perimeter fences included)?"

Original Design – see attached drawings. (Design shown excludes Water feature and Sky mirror In Sunset park which was added post construction) Note: No formal hedges around the perimeter but blocks of shrubs positioned at angles along terraces to allow views in the parks.

"What Planning Gain Monies were used for the Construction of the Sunset and Moonlit Parks? And is there funding that was set aside for future

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The Parks were funded from capital receipts from the Attwood Green Joint Development Agreement between Birmingham City Council and Crest Nicholson Regeneration Ltd. (The Developer) and Optima Community Association.

This Agreement did fund longer term capital replacement of items like play equipment, street furniture etc. of which there is approximately £50k still remaining. See attached plan.

Birmingham City Council can confirm there is income from none BCC and other Land Parcels

"The Sunset and Moonlit Park Annual Budgets and Actual Spend for all years from new?"

Please Note: total spend are included in the Parks budgets.

Budgets		
2015/16	66,010.83	
2016/17	47,929.23	
2017/18	33,972.26	
2018/19	30,241.00	
2019/20	33,414.43	
2020/21	29,961.18	

"What is the Sunset and Moonlit Park Budget for 2020-21?"

Sunset and Moonlit Park Budget for 2020-21 is £29,961.18, plus a spend for fence and wall damage of £4,397

"What has been the Council's total Parks Budget for each year from new? And the tax year preceding the completion of the Sunset and Moonlit Park? And what pro rata percentage of this budget has been allocated to the Sunset and Moonlit Park for each of these years since completion?" Please see table below.

Birmingham City Council does not produce financial information based on 'tax years.

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Please note: We do not hold the information for previous years.

Year	Net Revenue Budget	% of Which Allocated to Sunset
2015/16	£13,699m	0.015%
2016/17	£13,251m	0.015%
2017/18	£11,367m	0.018%
2018/19	£10,381m	0.019%
2019/20	£9,848m	0.023%
2020/21	£11,832m	0.019%

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If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

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I will now close your request as of this date.

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Yours faithfully

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