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Dear Mr Burges

Freedom of Information Request - Ashburton Masterplan

Thank you for your letter dated 23 August 2015, requesting information in relation to the Ashburton Masterplan.

The cost of the Masterplan is public information, the authority publishes its expenditure data here - http://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/aboutus/au-theauthority/au-whatwedo/finance-and-expenditure.

For you convenience though, the current cost of the Masterplan, including additional research, is broken down as follows:

- Building Design Partnership (contract for preparation of evidence, draft, consultation and final plan. The contract ended before final payment in order to incorporate a second draft stage moving to final plan). Contract total £46,274.
- Building Design Partnership (Second Draft contract this contract is for a further draft and final plan). Contract total £28,809.
- Sky High (Automatic Traffic Counter and Parking Beat Survey). Contract total £4,430.
- Parsons Brinckerhoff (Flood Risk Assessment of the Chuley Road Masterplan area). Contract total £25,250.
- Edenvale Young (further flood modelling to test Draft II scenarios). Contract total £4,900.

Of the above £50,000 was funded by Teignbridge District Council from New Homes Bonus. The work above has been sought by contractors as either it is specialist work falling beyond the expertise of the local authorities, or the local authorities do not have the officer capacity to undertake the work themselves. Given the complex nature of the site in respect of the number of landowners and no specific developer interest in the site at the time, it was not consider possible to pursue a developer funded Masterplan for the area.

A key aspect of the Masterplan is that public funding is not available to contribute towards works on site; for example the flood mitigation, and highway works. The Masterplan therefore provides the mechanism for the work carried forward from this point funded by developer contributions.

Yours sincerely

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