

Council: Tuesday 19 October 2021
Amendment to Opposition Motion: Cllr Tim Roberts
Viability Assessments

Delete all and replace with (additions in bold, no deletions):

Council notes that the Government advises all councils as local planning authorities to make viability assessments for developments publicly available except in exceptional circumstances.

Council notes that LB Barnet is not yet doing this.

Council notes that for one scheme in Barnet the undisclosed viability assessments of both the developer and the Council suggested the scheme would not be viable with any affordable housing contribution.

An independent review of the viability assessments, once published, found that an affordable contribution of several million pounds was payable.

Council believes that publishing viability assessments is crucial to ensure that there is transparency in the planning process, that affordable housing is not lost to the Borough and the public purse is protected.

Council resolves to publish all viability assessments unless there is a stated 'exceptional circumstance' reason not to.