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Dear Mr Stephen Nash

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST REF No: 251061

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is enclosed. You asked **'Please can you provide me with the following information under the Freedom Of Information Act 2000:**

- (a) addresses of "long term empty" Commercial properties that are within Islington Borough Council area; and**
- (b) the names of the owners of those properties referred to in (a)'**

Please find the attached schedule detailing the addresses of currently empty commercial properties in the London Borough of Islington owned by non-individuals, together with the names of the owner. Please note that the supply of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not automatically give the recipient of the information the right to re-use it. Therefore separate permission should be obtained from the copyright owner (Islington Council in this instance) before the information is used in a way that would infringe copyright, e.g. by making multiple copies, or publishing and issuing copies to the public. You can find out more about Islington Council's Re-Use policy on our website at the following link: http://www.islington.gov.uk/Council/CouncilStructure/Access_to_Information/FreedomofInformation/reusinginformation

I can confirm that the Council may hold information regarding the date each property became empty. However, complying with this element of your request would exceed the appropriate limit of council time (18 hours or 2.5 days), which is defined in our fees and exemptions policy. This is because this information cannot be downloaded automatically and must instead be manually accessed for each property. I estimate that it would take 5 minutes to access the data for each empty property, and there are currently 757 empty commercial properties. It would therefore take 63 hours to provide you with the date each property became empty. You can find our fees and exemptions policy on our website at the following link:

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Yours sincerely



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