

**AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**RESPONSE TO INFORMATION REQUEST**



This request was answered under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

Reference: FOI 4165 - NNDR

Date Reply Sent: 11/3/2015

**REQUEST**

Please can you provide me with the following information under the Freedom Of Information Act 2000:-

(a) addresses and rateable values of empty commercial properties that are within Aylesbury Vale District Council area; and

(b) the names of the owners of those properties referred to in (a)

**RESPONSE**

Thank you for your information request to Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC).

We do not hold a definitive list of empty commercial properties as property owners are not required to inform us when their properties are empty. We also do not hold the names of property owners, this information would be held by the Land Registry.

We do hold a list properties which are registered as empty for purposes of business rates relief along with the name of the company registered to pay the business rates. However, Section 21 of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act does not require a public authority to supply information requested where it is reasonably available to the applicant.

This information is available on our public website and so is reasonably available to the general public. We are therefore refusing your request under Section 21. The information requested can be found on the following web page:

<http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/about/accessing-information/business-rates-freedom-information-requests/>

You will need to look at the relief codes in the first spreadsheet to see which exemptions relate to properties being registered as vacant.

Should you require further information, please contact [records@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk](mailto:records@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk) or write to The Administration and Information Officer, IT Division, Aylesbury Vale District Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP19 8FF.

If you feel that your request has not been properly handled or if you are dissatisfied with the outcome, you can request an internal review by e-mailing us at the above address, or writing to us at:

Information and Administration Officer  
IT Division  
Aylesbury Vale District Council  
The Gateway  
Gatehouse Road  
Aylesbury  
Buckinghamshire  
HP19 8FF

Please note that you have the right to make a complaint direct to the Information Commissioner and details on how to do this are set out on the Information Commissioner's website [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk). The Information Commissioner, however, will normally expect a complainant to have exhausted a public authority's internal review procedures first.

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