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Dear Gareth Elton,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your request for information received by the Council on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017. It has been assessed and the following information is provided in response:

**Re: Business Rates Occupiers**

**Please can you provide me with the following information under the Freedom Of Information Act 2000 in an excel format:-**

- (a) List all non-domestic properties and their addresses.**
- (b) The names of the Rate payers referred to above for each property (excluding all the personal information).**
- (c) The billing authority reference number for each property (Not the account number) OR where possible, the UARN (Unique Authority Reference Number)**
- (d) The date the rate payer became liable for the bill**
- (e) Details of what reliefs, if any, the rate payer receives (Mandatory, Discretionary, Exempt)**
- (f) The rateable value for 2010 and where possible the draft 2017 rateable value**

**Can you also please make sure this information is as up-to-date as possible at the time of receiving the request?**

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

Under Section 40, information has only been provided in respect of properties where the ratepayer is not an individual.

Under Section 21, billing authority reference numbers and rateable values have not been provided as these are freely available on the Valuation Office Agency website.

Under Section 31, details of reliefs have not been supplied. The nature of National Non Domestic Rate reliefs are such that the occupied or vacant status of any given property could be deduced from an award of any relief or exemption. It is thereby considered that such disclosure could raise the potential for fraud against empty properties and this renders the data exempt under Section 31 – Law Enforcement. This is a qualified exemption, so the public interest test needs to be applied. Whilst there may be a public interest in the disclosure of the reliefs, identifying properties by this means could potentially increase the risk of fraud. As a local authority we have an obligation to ensure the information provided does not lead to an increase in crime.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you can request an internal review. Details of the Freedom of Information complaints process can be found at:

[http://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/200640/freedom\\_of\\_information/1550/making\\_a\\_complaint\\_or\\_appeal](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/200640/freedom_of_information/1550/making_a_complaint_or_appeal)

Your request for an internal review should be submitted to us within 40 working days of your receipt of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at our discretion.

If you remain dissatisfied by the outcome of the Internal Review you have the right to submit your complaint to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer