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Dear Mr. Chait

Re: Freedom of Information Request Reference: 5389

Thank you for your request for information of 4 October 2018. It was received by Ribble Valley Borough Council ("the Council") on 4 October 2018 and has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act").

Your enquiry:

In terms of the Freedom of Information Act of 2000, and subject to section 40(2) on personal data, could you please provide me with a complete and up-to-date list of all business (non-residential) property rates data for your local authority, and including the following fields:

- Billing Authority Property Reference Code (linking the property to the VOA database reference)
- Firm's Trading Name (i.e. property occupant)
- Full Property Address (Number, Street, Postal Code, Town)
- Occupied / Vacant
- Date of Occupation / Vacancy
- Actual annual rates charged (in Pounds)

If you are unable to provide an absolute "Occupation / Vacancy" status, please provide the Exemptions and / or Reliefs that a particular property may be receiving.

With regard to your enquiry, we would respond as follows:

Please see attached.

As you may be aware, the names or the addresses of any individuals in the list would constitute personal data (in respect of which you are not the data subject). The disclosure of this information would, in the Council's view, contravene the data protection principles. This information would therefore be exempt under section 40(2) of the Act. The Information Tribunal considered the issue of the provision of lists of property addresses under the Act in "England and the London Borough of Bexley and the Information Commissioner (EA/2006/0060 & 0066)". Their decision in this case supports our conclusions.

We have therefore removed any addresses that relate to individuals.

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If you have any queries about this email please feel free to contact me at the above email address.

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Diane Rice,
Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Ribble Valley Borough Council,
Council Offices,
Church Walk,
Clitheroe,
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BB7 2RA.

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The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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

Yours faithfully

Katharine Collinge
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