



**Core Services Directorate
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My Ref: FOIA5328
Your Ref:
Date: 11 August 2020
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Reference No: FOIA5328

Dear Gavin

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the Core Services Directorate has now completed its search for the information which you requested by e-mail on 9 July 2020

Your questions and my findings are as follows

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 your local authority's complete and most-recently updated list of all business (non-residential) property rates data, including the following fields:

- Billing Authority Property Reference Code (linking the property to the public VOA database reference)
- Firm's Trading Name (i.e. property occupant or ratepayer)
- Full Property Address (Number, Street, Postal Code, Town)
- Occupation / Vacancy status
- Date of Occupation / Vacancy
- Actual annual rates charged (in Pounds) and/or categories of reliefs/exemptions granted

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.

Business Rates information is published on our website and is updated on a regular basis. I have therefore applied exemption 22 -Information intended for future publication.

Section 22 of the FOIA states that information is exempt if, at the time a public authority receives a request for it:

- the public authority hold it with a view to its publication;
- the public authority or another person intends to publish the information at some future date, whether determined

- or not; and
- in all the circumstances it is reasonable to withhold the information prior to publication.

Please find below the link to our webpage:

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/business/business-rates/account-enquiries/business-rates-freedom-of-information-requests>

I trust this information satisfies your request but should you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the corporate mailbox BMBCIGDPAFOI@Barnsley.gov.uk. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC
Customer Feedback and Improvement Team
C/O Corporate Mail Room
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG

Email: Informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:-

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

Website address: <http://www.ico.org>

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Yours sincerely



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