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Dear Mr Chait,

**Re: Case Reference No: FS50685331**

I write in response to your request dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 for an internal review of the handling of your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) on account that the Authority has failed to respond fully to your request. I sincerely apologise for not responding to your request for internal review earlier and I also regret to hear of the difficulties you have experienced in obtaining the information you have requested.

I have reviewed your original request and the response that was issued to you and I can see that the response that was originally offered to you on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 was not fully in line with FOIA on account that no exemption was cited in order to explain the rationale for non-disclosure. I am sorry for this oversight and hope to reassure you that further work is underway within the Authority to ensure all staff dealing with FOIA are adequately trained to respond in accordance with legislation, particularly when it is necessary to issue a refusal notice.

Having reviewed your request and upon considering any reasons to justify withholding this information, I can advise you that I have attached a spreadsheet on all the occupied and vacant properties as requested. However, you will see that the spreadsheet on empty properties does not include information relating to empty properties owned by individual. Having reviewed previous Decision Notices issued under FOIA, useful guidance is provided in the case of England v Bexley & the ICO in respect of the level of injustice that could be caused to an individual as opposed to a company if disclosure of the information resulted in damage to their property etc. and is therefore exempt under s.31(a)(e) 'Prevention or Detection of Crime'

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I hope that disclosure of the information attached is helpful to you and again, I wish to apologise to you for the time it has taken to respond and for failing to adequately respond to your initial request.

I am aware that you have approached the Information Commissioner's Office in respect of this case and I have therefore copied them into this response.

Kind Regards.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alun Williams".

Alun Williams  
**Pennaeth Cefnogi Polisi**  
**Head of Policy Support**

cc Suzanne McKay, Senior Case Officer, Information Commissioner's Office  
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