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From: Freedom of Information Officer
Telephone 01756700600
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Dear Councillor Shaw,

Thank you for your request for information dated 16 June 2019. You asked for information concerning the garages and land off Aldersley Avenue, Skipton. The Council has dealt with your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act ('the Act') as you requested.

Council's Response

It may be helpful if I explain the role of the Act, which provides a right of access to recorded information held by a public authority like Craven District Council (subject to certain exemptions). The Act does not oblige a public authority to create new information to answer questions; nor does it require a public authority to give advice, opinion or explanation in relation to issues/policies under question.

Anyone can request copies of information which a public authority already holds in a recorded form, but the Act does not require the Council to generate answers to questions, or create or obtain information it does not hold.

Your request invites the Council to enter into a discussion with you about a matter which would require new information to be generated, however, so as to be helpful you may find the following explanation useful, which has however been provided outside our obligations under the Freedom of Information regime.

I can confirm that Craven District Council does own the land and garages off Aldersley Avenue in Skipton, which constitutes proposed access land to a potential housing development, and the land has not been sold, as the Council still owns it. I can also confirm that no tenants of garages on the land have been evicted as the garages have been unoccupied for some time.

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by emailing accesstoinfo@cravendc.gov.uk or by writing to the Freedom of Information Officer, Craven District Council, Belle Vue Square, Broughton Road, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 1FJ. Any request for a review should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The

Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely,

Sent by email

**Freedom of Information Officer
Craven District Council**