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Our reference: 1457933

Dear Ms Filer

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am pleased to provide some of the information you have requested. I have enclosed copies of the information.

We consider that the qualified exemption set out in Section 43 (Prejudicial to commercial interests) subsection 2 applies to the information requested. Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information.

In applying this exemption, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the interest in favour of disclosure.

Factors in favour of disclosure

- Accountability for the spending of public money – disclosure of commercial information can make public authorities more accountable for how they spend public money.

Factors in favour of withholding

- Impact on other negotiations – revealing information such as a pricing mechanism.
- Competition

In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Please quote the reference number 1457933 in any future communications about this request.

Section 17 (7) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act states that public authorities must provide applicants with particulars of how they may complain about the handling of their request for information should they wish to. Any such complaint should be directed to the Information Management and Governance Lead, 1st Floor, Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle, Merseyside, L20 3NJ.

Should you choose to request a review of the decision taken and are dissatisfied following the authority's review, you are entitled under Section 17 (7) (b) of the Act to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision notice. Further information can be found at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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SK9 5AF
Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.org.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

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