

ANNEX B – FOIR7845 – the Public Interest Test

Section 43 - Commercial Interests	
(2) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).	
<i>Factors for disclosure</i>	<i>Factors for with-holding</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• That there is a transparency in the accountability of public funds and DVLA is getting value for money when purchasing goods and services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Private companies would be less likely to tender for contracts in the public sector if they are worried that commercially sensitive information will be released. This will have an adverse affect on competition for contracts and this would result in the less effective use of public money.
<p><i>Reasons why public interest favours withholding information</i></p> <p><i>Disclosure of certain details of the contract would affect competition for contracts as private companies would be less likely to tender for contract if they are worried that commercially sensitive information will be released, which in turn would result in the less effective use of public money.</i></p>	