



## Northamptonshire County Council

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Please ask for: Freedom of Information  
Tel: 01604 368360  
Our ref: FR9864  
Your ref:  
Date: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Mr O'Brien,

### **Information Request: FR9864**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 which was received by us on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act and is detailed below in italics with our response in bold.

(Please note the extract below has been taken directly from your original information request and is unedited).

*I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for a copy of the purchase agreement between Northants County Council and Desborough Library Community Hub relating to the Desborough Library building.*

*Please provide me with a copy.*

### **Our Response**

The Freedom of Information Team has been provided with the following information in response to your recent request on behalf of Northamptonshire County Council (NCC).

**Please see attached the Heads of Terms for the sale of Desborough Library. We have removed the sensitive financial data.**

**The sale of the library building to D-Hub has not exchanged/completed. However, we do expect the sale to complete within the next few weeks. It is our belief that the financial information requested is commercially sensitive and could prejudice the Council's position should the sale not complete. If we release the purchase price and details of the deal reached, and the sale does not complete, the future sale value could be limited/restricted to the figure currently agreed. Once the sale has completed the Council can disclose the information.**

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**We have therefore applied the FOIA exemption s.43 (2), Commercial interests, to your request. Please see below for full details of the exemption.**

**43. - (1) Information is exempt information if it constitutes a trade secret.**

**(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).**

**(3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice the interests mentioned in subsection (2).**

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Email [dataprotection@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

If our internal review does not resolve the issue to your complete satisfaction, you have the right to apply to the information Commissioner for a decision at the following address:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Or, if you have any complaints in respect of your information request please complete the on-line comments form that can be found at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk), along with a full set of guidance.

Yours sincerely

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