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Dear Mr. Shekhavat

I refer to your recent request for information from this authority. Our response to your request is below. You have the right to request an internal review if you are not satisfied with any aspect of the way we have handled your request for information or its content.

Once an internal review has been conducted and you still remain dissatisfied you may complain to the Information Commissioner who will decide whether the request has been handled properly.

Please note: The Information Commissioner cannot generally make a decision unless our internal review process has first been exhausted. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

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Subject: Temporary Accommodation - Nightly Rates

Details of Request:

1. How many properties do you currently have on Temporary Accommodation?
2. Please can you advise us on the maximum that is paid per night for a Studio, 1 Bed, 2 Bed, 3 Bed & 4 Bed.
3. Who are your largest 5 suppliers and how much do you pay them on average every month?
4. If we were to supply accommodation on this basis, please can you give us contact names and telephone numbers of the procurement team.

**This information is held**

Response:

Q1 - 281 households currently in temporary accommodation.  
Q2 - Accommodation is sourced as and when required on a nightly basis, cost will vary depending on the type of property and number of bedrooms etc. Average costs are published on our website at <https://www.hastings.gov.uk/my->

council/performance/ under 'Housing Options' section.

Q3 - Accommodation is sourced as and when required on a nightly basis, so amount would differ from supplier to supplier.

## NOTICE OF REFUSAL

The information in relation to the 5 largest suppliers used is exempt under Section 38 (1) (b) of the FOIA 2000 – Health and Safety.

S38 allows public authorities to decline a request for information if it will endanger the safety of any individual.

Under S38 we are not obliged to confirm or deny if we hold the information you have requested.

S38 is also subject to public interest test where public authorities have to consider if disclosing information is outweighed in cases where the health & safety of an individual or a group of individuals is put at risk.

We have identified the following public interest factors that may be seen as encouraging the disclosure of information:

Transparency and accountability

We consider these factors to be generally of limited or no relevance in relation to the information in question.

Public interest factors seen as encouraging non-disclosure are, generally, the exemptions themselves.

In consideration of this matter we came to the following conclusions :

- The safety of any individual, clients are extremely vulnerable e.g. domestic abuse
- Information, which if disclosed, could predictably be used to or would otherwise harm the safety of an individual or a group of individuals.
- The safety of these individuals is paramount

In weighing the factors for and against disclosure we have concluded that the likely benefit to the applicant and the wider public of disclosure is outweighed by the likely prejudice caused by such disclosure and that therefore the public interest is better served by non-disclosure .

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End of Request

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